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## Alumnae Pledge



### An Assurance of Loyalty

With understanding of and the belief in the aims and purposes of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, I do solemnly affirm, that I will endeavor, by my daily life and service, to honor always the profession of which I am a member.



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## TO OUR EX-EDITOR

Praise and many thanks to Rosellyn Kelly Millis for her fine work as Chairman of the Publication and Press Committee.

The editing of the Alumnae Journal requires a lot of time and attention to detail. By her tireless efforts in collecting material, and efficiency in the publishing of it, Mrs. Millis has kept the Journal up to its previous high standards and has instituted new ideas for the interest of Journal readers.

The Alumnae Association wishes to express its appreciation and hopes that, in spite of her many other duties, she will continue her helpful support.



## A NEW YEAR'S WISH

"Health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs; strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them; grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them; patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished; charity enough to see good in your neighbor; cheerfulness that shall make others glad; love that shall move you to be useful and helpful; faith that shall make real the things of God; and hope that shall remove all anxious fears concerning the future."

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

How I wish there was some way that I could impress upon every nurse the necessity for renewing annual state registrations! In this present national emergency, more than ever before, nurses are finding that the lapse in state registration dues is causing endless delays in becoming reinstated as an "R.N." and also an alumnae member, both of which they must become before they can practice nursing as a member in "good standing"; and there can be no reciprocity between states

if the current fee has not been paid in some state.

Will every nurse please urge her nurse friends to pay the \$1.00 annual fee and thus avoid delays, oral or written examinations in order to become reinstated, even though she may have married and thinks it will never be necessary to practice. There can be just such an occasion as there now is, and the country needs every registered nurse.

Mary Everett, President.

### Registered Graduate Nurses Fees for Special Duty and Hourly Nursing

Beginning January 1, 1944, the fees for Special Duty Nursing in Hospitals and Homes will be as follows:

#### Hours and Fees:

8-hour Service:

One Patient .....\$ 7.00

Two Patients ..... 9.00

Three or more Patients ..... 10.00

\*Plus one meal.

Additional continuous service up to 12 hours, per hour ..... .50

Resident service (20 hours) in homes ..... 10.00

For two or more patients on 12-hour or resident service, the fee is not to exceed \$12.00.

\*Plus three meals.

#### \*Meals:

A charge of 50c for each meal may be made by the nurse when meals are not provided.

#### Extra Fees:

8-hour service .....\$8.00

Additional continuous service up to 12 hours, per hour ..... .75

Resident service (20-hour) in

homes, .....\$12.00

may be charged for the following:

Alcoholism	Epidemic Cerebro-
Drug Addiction	spinal Meningitis
Attempted Suicide	Polio-myelitis (Acute
Manic Depressive	Anterior)
Psychoses	Scarlet Fever
Violent Patient	Tuberculosis
in Restraints	Typhoid Fever
Diphtheria	

If an order for a nurse is cancelled by the patient after the nurse is enroute, or if the service is for 4 hours or less, a charge of \$4.00 may be made. Nurses who are on cases will continue at the former fees until January 10, 1944, at which time they will change to the above fees.

#### Hourly Nursing Fees, per visit:

First hour or fraction .....\$2.00

Each additional half hour ..... .50

Or a maximum of 4 hours for \$4.00.

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Get the Journal—Pay your dues!



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 1943

The Alumnae Association has, necessarily, undergone some streamlining this past year. This has been accomplished by having more business meetings with social hour following and fewer program meetings, and with very simple refreshments; a buffet supper in May in lieu of an annual dinner. Perhaps our dwindling attendance at meetings is, also, a reflection of the streamlining process, but to date nothing has been found to stimulate members to attend except their loyalty and interest in their own Alumnae Association. Members of the Board have found their work more difficult and they have less time and energy to devote to the Association duties, so that it has been necessary to cut wherever possible.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Rothschild, has found new methods which will simplify her work in the future, and, with the aid of an assistant, Miss Dorothy Armstrong, recently appointed for the coming year, part of the enormous task of collecting dues will be divided. Only one notice of dues will be sent members, which will be in December. This will cut down writing to delinquent members long after the year is well on its way.

The Revisions Committee, Miss Myrtle Peterkin, Chairman, has made several changes in the by-laws, which have been published in the Journal. Most important changes are, that of the fiscal year, from the present Calendar year, to one beginning November 1st through October 31st. This will also be a great help to the Treasurer, as it will now be possible to present the auditor's report at the annual meeting instead of in February, and makes it possible for an incoming Treasurer to take over the books and start her work immediately upon taking office. Then, the raising of active dues from \$6.50 to \$6.75, in order to meet the increase of twenty-five cents per capita raise in the American Nursing Association dues passed in 1942, was necessitated.

The Publication and Press Committee has had many difficulties arising from labor shortages among printers, who are not particularly desirous

of printing such things as Journals because of their war contracts. This has resulted in Journals being late, through no fault of the Chairman, Rosellyn Millis, who has done a splendid job of keeping us abreast of the times. With anywhere from 100 to 200 changes of address for each mailing, Mrs. Fitzmaurice has been kept unduly busy changing the files; this, too, is a tedious job and expensive, besides, as a charge is made for each change; but we still beg you to send us your changes of address so that no copies will be wasted.

The Board decided, in view of uncertain printing conditions, that one postcard only, announcing two meetings will be sent, and ask you members to keep your cards handy and remember the dates.

The Association has held seven regular meetings, one annual meeting, a buffet supper, to which the graduating class and the 1917 and 1918 classes were invited as guests of honor, and the Associate Member's Tea in December. Average attendance at regular meetings has been 50.

Nine Board meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 10 out of 17. The following vacancies, due to resignations, have been filled: Kathryn Beauchat for Alice Bell as member-at-large and Chairman of the Scholarship and Educational Loan Fund Committee; Catherine Idstrom replaced Beulah Landis as member-at-large; Helen McNab took over the Scholarship and Loan Committee following K. Beauchat's resignation, and that vacancy was filled by Dorothy Armstrong. Marguerite Kilgas, Chairman of the Program Committee, was replaced by Georgianna Kelly. Frances Campbell replaced Roberta Lane, member-at-large and Chairman of the Red Cross Committee. Alice Sanderson was immensely helpful to the President in obtaining nominees for appointment by the Board.

Our list of nurses in service now totals 135. A vote of the membership in February decided to ask them

to pay non-resident dues, but to waive reinstatement fees. All nurses in Service are now being sent the Journal whether or not they are members.

The membership of the Association is now 805 members, Active 363; Non-Resident and Associate 442.

The Johnstone Memorial Rooms have been busy with about 65 using them and several sick benefits paid to members living out of Chicago.

The following expenditures have been made.

\$ 200.00 to the Weeks of Free Care Fund for the T.B. cottage at Naperville.

\$1000.00 paid on our pledge for the nurses' home.

\$5000.00 from the savings fund for the purchase of Defense Bonds.

\$ 25.00 toward an award for the student nurse receiving the highest scholastic standing in her class.

\$ 25.00 "D" Bond presented to Miss Eliza Marske as a token of appreciation for her many years of care of Minnie Wilbur and for the excellent care she has taken of the nurses in the endowed rooms. A letter of sincere appreciation was received from her.

\$ 25.00 for our membership in the Central Council for Nursing Education.

\$ 112.00 for furniture, which includes a desk, bookcase, chair, desk lamp and desk pad, purchased for the Alumnae Room in the nurses' home. The room is available for committee meetings or business of any sort.

Received from Mrs. Albert Madlener, Jr., \$25.00 as a gift from Miss Wilbur's estate, for her love and esteem toward St. Luke's Alumnae Association.

Private Duty nurses have attempted to do group nursing whenever possible to relieve the shortage and maintain an eight-hour day. They also have given many days of general duty when called upon.

Institutional nurses have contributed their share to the wartime load of work, also, many of them staying on their jobs in lieu of joining the armed forces, and have tried to keep things running smoothly with what help was available.

St. Luke's has two nurses on the District Board, but were unable to obtain any names for the district ballot this year.

Hilda Schulze was sent as a delegate to the State Convention in Springfield in October. Her very interesting report was published in the December Journal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Everett, President.

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## THE MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY

"During the Year of 1943, the Secretary has kept the minutes of seven regular meetings, nine meetings of the Board of Directors and one Annual Meeting; made out vouchers for the payments of all bills, and has written

letters as directed by the Board of Directors.

Announcements were sent out for all regular meetings."

Myrtle F. Anderson,  
Secretary.



## COMMITTEE YEARLY REPORTS

### REVISIONS COMMITTEE

Madam Chairman and Alumnae  
Members:

In the past twelve months, the Revisions Committee has met three times.

Changes have been made in some of the by-laws. These you have voted upon already and accepted.

We have had no expenditures for 1943.

Myrtle Peterkin, Chairman  
May Colling  
Ruth Sackett  
Lucille Schenck  
Elizabeth Adamski

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The FINANCE Committee held a meeting in January to plan the budget for 1943. With the rise in the cost of printing and supplies, the Press and Publication Committee has found it impossible to keep within the budget this year. The budget seems to have been satisfactory to all other Committees.

In October, the Finance Committee held a meeting at which time it was recommended that the Alumnae Association invest \$5000. in Series "G" War Savings Bond.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary S. Hind, Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

January to December 1943, Incl.

Total Applications .....	76
Total Active .....	45
Tentative Active .....	40
Active Reinstatement .....	5
Total Non-Resident .....	29
New Non-Resident .....	2
Non-Resident Reinstatement .....	27
Total Associate .....	2
Total Active Members in the Organization .....	363
Total Non-Resident and Associate Members .....	442

Respectfully submitted,  
Stella F. Konecko, Chairman.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

No requests for loans have been received by the Scholarship Committee in 1943. Two loans have been paid off and regular monthly payments have been received on another.

Helen E. McNab,  
Acting Chairman.

### RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Johnstone Memorial endowed rooms have given care to 60 nurses to date during 1943, equalling 566 days' care. In 1942, we cared for 88 nurses; in 1941, we had 60 nurses.

This past year we paid \$55.75 for outside rooms, but the Alumnae took in from overtime in the rooms, \$183., so we have a gain of \$127.25 for the year.

We have lost two of our oldest nurses, Miss Wilbur, who died March 1, and Miss Ida Stowell, who died November 18 at her home in Delavan, Wis. She was 88 years old. Both were from the Class of 1890.

We also lost Jeanette Hirth Ferguson, Class 1922, at her home in Woodland, Michigan, and Doris Thompson McLeod, Class 1927, after a very long illness at her home in El Paso, Texas; also Marge Stigleman Perring, Class 1932, at her home in Detroit.

For several years we have been fortunate in having the use of the Ellen Robinson Fund or part of it, and have been most grateful for it. The Fund ceases to function in 1944.

We have received many lovely letters of appreciation from those for whom we have cared in the Rooms, and we wish to thank those who gave contributions to the endowed rooms. The Committee have done their best in making calls on all the sick and looking out for their comfort—and we thank Miss Marske for her fine co-operation. It is needless to say how much the endowed rooms will miss Miss Gooch's care!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessie S. Lawrie, Chairman.

## PRESS AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

The Press and Publication Committee held one meeting during the year, 1943. Other communications were made by telephone or letter.

The Alumnae has been issued five times during the past year, February, April, June, October and December. The issues vary from twelve to sixteen page bulletins.

Due to the limited amount of space and cost of publishing the Alumnae, it has been necessary for us to confine our material for publication to news items and items of interest concerning St. Luke's Hospital and the School of Nursing. Whenever we have had the space we have included First District news. We have tried to keep an accurate account of our nurses in Service and have published interesting accounts about their activities.

The cost of publishing the Alumnae has increased proportionately with other prices. However, since The Alumnae tends to keep members in contact with each other, we feel it has been worthwhile. With the shortage of paper and labor, we feel we are fortunate to be able to have it published during these times.

Added expenses of this committee during 1943 have been the purchasing and printing of 5000 envelopes and letterheads and 500 business envelopes.

Copies of the Alumnae have been mailed to all of our graduates who are in Service regardless of whether they are members of the Association, if we have known their correct address. We now have 900 on our mailing list. Included in this number are members, honorary members and nurses in Service.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Leona Fitzmaurice, for so capably handling the changes of address this past year. This is quite a task and one that consumes a great deal of time.

This committee wishes to express its appreciation, also, to the membership for contributing news items throughout the year.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the members of my committee for their loyal support.

Rosellyn K. Millis, Chairman.

## ST. LUKE'S PRIVATE DUTY FORUM

There were three meetings of the Private Duty Forum held during 1943. The first meeting was held January 5, 1943, with 29 members present. Many announcements of interest to the group were made by the Chairman. The nurses were asked whether they would be willing to help the hospital in times of emergency by doing some general duty work. After a discussion, it was decided that every private duty nurse who felt able to do so, would volunteer two weeks of general duty per year at registry wages, only in cases of necessity. A questionnaire was then sent to all active members regarding their availability for general duty if needed. This list is to be kept in the Nursing office for reference. There were 123 cards sent out, of which 79 replies were received.

It was also voted at this time to donate \$200., the sum necessary to furnish a student's room in the new Schweppe Memorial Nurses' Home. This was presented to Mr. Lyons at the time of the Buffet Supper in May.

The second meeting of the year was held on Thursday, May 20, at which time the subject of group nursing was presented and discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the private duty group would adopt the plan as an emergency measure, realizing, of course, that it was necessary to have the combined cooperation of the doctors, patients, Head Nurses' Office and the hospital administrative department in order to carry out the plan successfully. Group nursing was first instituted on June 18, 1943 and has been fairly successful to date.

The third meeting of the year was held on October 5 to discuss a raise in private duty wages. It was voted that we receive \$7.00 for 8 hour duty and \$5.00 per patient for group nursing, plus one meal. This must be discussed and voted upon by the First District Board before anything can be adopted.



Results of the election are as follows:

Elizabeth Slimmer, Chairman  
Ruth McCarthy, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Allen, Secretary

Many problems of mutual interest were discussed at the meetings of the Private Duty—Institutional Forums during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth W. McCarthy, Chairman.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE filled seven vacancies on the Board and held one Committee meeting during the year.

The Alumnae ticket was presented at the October meeting and no additional nominations were made from the floor. The ballot was printed and mailed to all voting members, with a brief Who's Who on each candidate.

Results of the election:

Number of ballots cast .....326

Ist Vice President

Myrtle Anderson .....195  
Ruth Kirkham .....127

Secretary

Rosellyn K. Millis .....248  
Leila Bostwick ..... 73

Membership Committee Chairman

Stella Konecko .....239  
Bernadine Schaffer ..... 80

Press & Pub. Committee Chairman

Madlaine H. Hopkins .....252  
Audrey Guyatt ..... 70

Members-at-large

Dorothy Armstrong .....230  
Roma Breese Singer .....177  
Leona Cretsinger McNicholas 115  
Barbara Retzlaff .....130  
Augusta Plath ..... 95  
Geraldine Hartwell .....215

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Sanderson, Chairman.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Science has made great strides in medicine during the past years. Smallpox, diphtheria, tuberculosis—all have been conquered. The terror of polio has been reduced to the lowest minimum in the history of the disease. Ways of alleviating the suffering from cancer have been brought forward, surgery and X-ray to check or cure it in the early stages—even though the cause still is unknown. However, cancer, next to heart trouble, still causes the greatest number of deaths in the world. Statistics show that about one person of every ten dies of cancer in a year. The number of deaths is appalling. Here are the figures reported by the Census Bureau for 1942—issued November 3, 1943:

Age	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 year ....	77	35	42
1-4 years .....	396	214	182
5-14 years .....	595	323	272
15-24 years .....	1,252	703	549
25-55 years .....	14,950	4,935	10,015
56-64 years .....	67,563	30,959	36,604
65 year and over .....	78,447	40,708	37,739
Unknown .....	120	56	64
Total .....	163,400	77,933	85,467

You may ask: "Well, what can I do about it?" We can practice and then preach periodic examinations to rule out cancer or to detect it in its early stages—the only time when it can be cured. Make sure you won't be the ONE of the ten!

Your Editor.

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

As your new editor of the Alumnae Journal, and getting into an entirely new field—Journalism, I know I shall learn much as times goes on. I should be absolutely amazed if there were no reverberations on this first issue under my direction. However, I invite your cooperation and interest—let your corrections be true, your criticism constructive and your comments kind. In that way we shall grow and create more interest in the Alumnae and become powerful in our professional field. Thanks.

## THE MARCH OF TIME

1891

**Elizabeth D. Bush** writes from the Hotel Rey, Fresno 1, California that she has been a patient of two different hospitals—several weeks each, but is now beginning to feel much better than for many years. She says: "Happy New Year to all members and friends of our Hospital and the Alumnae."

1895

**Miss May Draper** has taken an apartment in Toronto for the Winter.

1896

**Jessie Lawrie** spent Christmas with her family in Sterling.

1902

**Mrs. Mary Kinzie Hopkins** writes: "In 1942 I attended the Tea and had with me a most precious Journal of the first World War. In it were letters from our dear nurses over seas. At that time I was most active in St. Luke's and Chairman of Group or Unit 14 with Mrs. Frankenthal.

Because of illness of my brother-in-law and sister, I was called away from the North Shore Health Resort last August. I had been there for two years in charge of Unit B—mental cases. I have been doing private duty at the West Suburban Hospital, which I like very much, and also in some lovely homes."

1908

**Miss Hettie Gooch** resigned her position in Michigan in December to become the Public Health Supervisor of La Salle County, Ill.

1915

**Mrs. R. W. Drake** (Winifred Bramhall) writes: "I have just devoured a whole package of Journals and St. Luke's Newses sent me by my good classmate Georgia Winship. Somehow it's very easy to lose touch when you are away from any personal contacts. Even though I haven't done any real nursing since I was married, I've managed to keep busy. It has been an amusing experience on the Nurse's Corps of the home defense unit here. Our test air raids with the so recently trained and utterly inexperienced First Aiders have been very funny, since they didn't have to be

actually used. It would have been tragic if we had ever really had bombs.

My registration lapsed so long ago, I haven't tried to renew it, so I haven't done any nursing, but if our little hospital gets any shorter than they are, I may try to squeeze some time for them after all. As it is, my two children have kept me pretty busy. Elizabeth (18) graduated last June as valedictorian from Northfield Seminary and is now at Smith College. John (13) is an active Boy Scout—8th grader—ardent skier and all around boy. While he's Boy Scouting, I'm Girl Scouting. I've had the troop here for 6 years. That, with P.T.A. activities, and now a Red Cross Home Nursing Class, don't seem to give me any time to waste.

I hear each Christmas from Dr. Hedbloom's sister—our classmate Ida Hedbloom Johnson. Her husband, I believe, has retired from the ministry and they live in Aurora, Nebr. I am going to send these Journals on to her. She will be glad to see them—as I was—and the Newses.

I was interested in the nurses modeling uniforms. The cape and bonnet was still current in 1915. Mine has been made over twice and is still used for costumes from time to time.

And Miss Hipwell is gone! She was the one who first showed me around St. Luke's when I decided where I was going to train. She must have been night superintendent almost as long as Maude Gooch. I remember shocking her one night in old St. Mary's Ward by having a couple of huge cockroaches under a custard cup in the hall. Of course, she picked up the cup—and you know what happened. And now Saranac is gone! How I agree with Dr. Plummer. What dismal rooms those were. Wonder what is going up there. Does Stickney House still survive? Some day not too far distant, I hope to get to Chicago again. Sincerely"

1919

**Miss Marjorie Walton**, who has been Chief Nurse at the Marine Hospital in New Orleans, for the past four years was transferred to New York on Dehas five boys — the youngest ten Chief Nurse in the U. S. Public Health



Service, is now in charge of the U.S. P.H. Hospital on Staten Island, N. Y., the largest operated by the service.

1921

**Miss Mary Cook Orbison** has been appointed Home Nursing Director of Minneapolis and Hennepin County Red Cross. Previously she was Director of Nursing Education in Appleton, Wis., schools. Miss Orbison, a graduate of Smith College, has studied nursing at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Western Reserve University, Penn State College, University of Vermont and the University of Mexico. She also supervised nursing classes at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, and headed the nursing and public health program in a large industrial concern. She did public health nursing at Henry Street Settlement, New York City. We wish Miss Orbison every success in her new work and hope to receive news from her in the near future.

**Mrs. Alice F. Gibson** (Alice Farrar) resigned her position as a Medical Social Worker in Peoria, Ill., January 1 and is now with the War Shipping Administration, Medical Division, (which is under the supervision of the U. S. Public Health Service). Her title is Port Medical Executive of the Port of Mobile. She expects to find the work very interesting and sends regards to all her friends and classmates.

**Ruth Sackett** is wearing a beautiful new sparkler! Lucky man!

1924

Maj. and Mrs. Claude Lambert (**Janice Consalus**) of Buckley Field, Denver, spent a week in January visiting with friends in Chicago.

**Avis Van Lew** writes from the Touro Infirmary, New Orleans that she still is Instructor of Nursing Arts. They are now taking in three classes of students a year so "I feel like a perpetual motion machine". Mrs. Korngold was the guest of Miss Eunice Broussard, Ass't Supt. of Nurses at the Tournio Infirmary. Mrs. Korngold was Supt. of Nurses at Tournio Infirmary just prior to coming to St. Luke's. She is in the best of health and wants to be remembered to all her St. Luke's friends.

1924

**Rhoda Wickwire** is now working for

Dr. Dean Burns in Petoosky, Mich.

1925

**Ensign Loraine Ostrom** was a patient at St. Luke's Hospital recently. She has gone back to Sick Bay at Great Lakes.

1926

**Mrs. Grace Marshall Wells**, Vandalia, Ill., entertained Mrs. Edna Traversers, as guest for a week. Mrs. Wells has a busy time with three lovely children.

**Ada Blumer** has completed her work for her Master's degree in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago and has accepted a position with the Illinois Association for the Crippled, as a Medical Social Consultant.

1929

**Alice Sanderson** spent the New Year Holiday visiting at Buckley Field, Denver, as the house guest of Capt. and Mrs. Walter E. Pohler (Lt. Eleanore Turnbull).

**Miss Ella Dunlap** is Nursing Arts Instructor at the John Sealy College of Nursing, University of Texas, Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. Duncan Reid (**Clarabelle Hipp**) writes: We have quite a gathering of St. Luke's about Boston. We haven't been able to all get together yet because of no help, sickness, etc. The telephone helps, though. So far, there are Alice Lomax, Rosalie Anderle, Nancy Poppin, Emily Fawcett, Frances Boyce and Gertha Groen. We are trying to get together for a luncheon soon. We had a baby boy born last May at Richardson House in Boston. He now weighs 21 pounds, so there is nothing premature about him at this point. Duncan, the 2nd, is almost seven. Janet is beautiful and is almost five. She is such a joy to us. Duncan is working all the time. I taught two classes in Home Nursing for the Red Cross before May and just finished two more before Christmas. That makes four classes in 1943. I really enjoyed them, too. **I wish you would put a plea in the Journal for more people to write in their whereabouts and news!** There are so many I often wonder about and some I didn't know well but would enjoy knowing what is happening to them."

1930

**Rhoda Frid** has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Congratulations!

1931

We hear that **Rose Barrett** is in Washington, working with the Red Cross.

Word comes that **Lucille Fehl** was married on October 9, at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

**Elizabeth Durham Penfold** is living in Streator, Ill. She has two lovely girls who were big enough to enjoy the Christmas tree.

**Ruth Bowman Slabaugh** seems to be blessed with boys. She had a couple of them and tried for a girl. She now have five boys—the youngest ten months old. They are lovely boys—but I wonder if she has given up the idea of a girl. They all love Port Huron, Michigan.

**Lt. Margaret Scofield** is stationed at the LaGarde General Hospital in New Orleans.

**Gertrude Seipman Bradshaw** is in New Orleans with her husband, stationed at the LaGarde Hospital.

**Eleanor Creiger** is the Executive Secretary of El Paso T. B. Association, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1933

**Doris Jonas** was married to Russell Mainland of La Porte, Ind., last October. They are living in Gary, Indiana.

**Lt Amanda Griffith** is now Chief Nurse at Armadillo. Congratulations!

**Mary Stone**, somewhere in England, says: "You can't imagine how I ache to tell you all about what we are doing, but it just isn't allowed. Working hard at present—we even have to re-boil the tongue depressors. Visiting is all over—for how long, we don't know. We do get pretty tired, but am still happy that I had the courage to get into the Service. I received nine Christmas packages—each one different—each article needed, besides some delicious candy. I am so thankful to all you dear friends back home. God bless you all. Maybe I can do something good for someone else to reciprocate for all your goodness."

1934

**Mrs. Walter Olson** (Marifrances

**Tank**) writes to some of her friends of the blackouts and slow method of transportation in Honolulu.

**Margaret Quigley Casselman** writes that she is working for Dr. Schoenfield at Highland Park, Michigan and enjoys her work immensely. She is kept busy doing the office work, runs B.M.R.s, gives diathermy, ultraviolet ray, infra-red treatments, changes dressings, gives "shots" of all kinds, does I.V.s and takes blood for Kahns. Besides working in the clinic during the week, she helps at the Highland Park General Hospital by working on Sundays from 7-11 A.M. to relieve the acute shortage of nurses. She would like to hear from some of her classmates. Her address is 38 Mulford Place, Highland Park, Michigan. She also mentions that Miss Poindexter, formerly of the Educational Department at St. Luke's, Chicago, is Director of Nurses at the Highland Park General Hospital.

**Mrs. Nina Callahan Skorcz** is now living in Key West, Fla. She says she enjoys the climate very much.

**Pauline Gessner** is an instructress at the Presbyterian Hospital, Newark, 7, N. J.

**Hattie Schmalz** has been working in Sturgis, S. Dak., since last August, at which time she finished her public health course.

**Myrta Sutter Montgomery** lives at Box 89, Galesville, Wis. She says she occasionally meets Bell Cleveland who is married and lives at LaCrosse.

**Marie Tener**, Supt. of a Convalescent Home for Orthopedic Children, visited in Chicago preceding the holidays.

**Tonnetta Lonning** writes from Honolulu that she is working for Dr. Doolittle in a clinic and likes it immensely. She also mentions the gorgeous sunsets, varied colored hibiscus and lovely poinsettas—all of which adds to the exquisitely beautiful scenery.

**Roma Breese Singer** expects to go to California very soon, where her husband will be stationed.

**Elsie Havens Blue** writes from Alaska: "I enjoy the Alumnae Journal very much. The last copy came two months late, but still the contents were 'news to me'."

**Lt. Sophie Sonnenberg** tells of a plane trip she took recently where she



had the thrill of sitting in the bombardier's seat, right in the nose of the plane! They went over the African battlefields, saw many demolished German and Italian planes in Tunis and saw what remained of the ruins of Carthage. She also mentioned the frequent rains and cold weather and that, in spite of the weather, spring flowers and roses are blossoming and oranges are ripe. She also mentioned having received a card from Evelyn Hahn, 1st Lt. at the Portland Army Air Base.

1937

**Elizabeth Anderson**, formerly of the Sherwin Williams Paint Company, is leaving to join the Army.

**Mrs. Peter Theobald (Dayle Huston)** writes: "I just received my Alumnae Journal this morning and have already read it from cover to cover. I am not doing any nursing at present as I am kept quite busy with my two children. We have been in Colorado with my husband, Dr. Theobald, who is now a Captain in the Army of the United States. At present he is on maneuvers in Louisiana so we're staying here in Oconomowoc with his mother. We're hoping to join him in February when and if he goes to a new camp. I saw Esther Rich a few weeks ago."

1938

Word comes in that **Leonora Dunn** was married last October.

**Clara Ruden**, who is with the Northwestern Medical Unit in North Africa, is recuperating from a cholecystectomy. Speedy recovery!

**Mrs. Harry Hopkins (Marvel Barclay)** is now living in St. Louis. She has a lovely two-year old boy. She misses all her friends at St. Luke's and would like to hear from some of the girls.

**Marion Cadigan** is now employed as an industrial nurse with the Kaiser Ship Yards in California.

**Mrs. Stanley Levander** (Eunice Hawke) received the following letter from Lt. B. A. Fentiman (Blanche Eslik '38) in January just before the "accident": I have been overseas over a year. Have seen all of Africa, and now I am in Italy. I saw Barbara Jerome '38 twice and now she isn't far from here. I spent some time in the

hospital where Audrey Harrington '38 and Capt. Plumbach are working. I'm a neuro-surgical scrub nurse and like my work very much. I receive the Alumnae and appreciate it very much."

1939

**Lt. Jane Louise Bradshaw**, A. N. C., has been with the 12th General Hospital in Africa for over a year.

**Geraldine Hartwell**, formerly Supervisor on C Floor, is taking a position with the Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

**Miss Elizabeth Anderson** is nursing in her home town, Traverse City, Michigan.

**Phyllis Thiel**, N.N.C. is stationed at Treasure Island, Cal. She expects to see service in the South Pacific soon.

1940

**Alice Brown**, working at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, says she recently met Evelyn Harrison '34, working at the same Hospital. Evelyn Harrison formerly worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as Stewardess for seven years, on the run between Chicago and New York.

1941

**Lt. Vera Elliott**, A.N.C., 79th Station Hospital North Africa, writes: "My job now is to spread a little sunshine in a dark olive-drab tent ward on a cold, rainy day, among a bunch of homesick Boys. I must admire and show great interest in pictures of sweethearts, wives, babies, parents, uncles, aunts, cousins, pet dogs, etc. We discuss most anything—types of weapons, shells, farms, plains, mountains, books,, Arabs, French, English—and just anything. The other day we even planned houses. The popular thing which a soldier wishes to build always includes large kitchens and large and luxurious bathrooms. Some even want Beauty Rest mattresses; others wish heating and air conditioning as important features. They all agree on a nice long vacation when they return with no **5th Avenue Parades**. There is comparatively little nursing to do as the ward is mostly fracture cases, but there are a lot of **Lonesome Minds** to keep busy. I had E. Small subscribe to \$20.00 worth of magazines for me so the Boys may enjoy them. I now have

on a G. I. woolen sweat shirt, woolen nurse's sweater, a field jacket over my seersucker uniform and a G. I. blanket folded twice over my lap and feet, sitting on my cot leaning against the wall—quite warm!!! We (nurses) recently moved into a nearby French villa out of wet tents and away from spiders, grasshoppers and hard-shelled bugs. We have been trying to get a bird's nest out of the chimney so we may have a fire. We hope to get a small oil heater so we may have hot water. Surely is fun living in a building again."

1942

**Ensign Mary A. Rammer**, N.N.C., writes: "I would like to express my appreciation to so many of the nurses at St. Luke's who wrote while I was in the hospital. Their concern was most gratifying.

I certainly enjoy reading "The Alumnae"; especially the news about our nurses in the Army and Navy."

**Dorothy Casey**, (who failed to give her maiden name) writes: "Have definitely settled down now in Pennsgrove, N.J., and hope to get my Journal regularly. My husband, Master Sgt. P. E. Casey, is in England now and has been since June. It has been terribly lonely without him. Notice I said has been—my reason for that being a beautiful daughter that we now have. And Goodness knows life is far from lonely now. Bonnie Lou was some Christmas present. Don't you think?

Regards to Miss Gooch and any other of my instructors who may still be at good old St. Luke's."

1943

Dr. and Mrs. Emil Zaborski (**Martilda Marshalek**) spent several weeks in January vacationing at Miami, Florida.

**Andrey Guyatt**, on the Press and Publication Committee, has left to join the Army Air Corps. Good luck!

## NEW ARRIVALS—CONGRATULATIONS



1932

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, Boy.  
(Gertrude Coker)

1934

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Braun, Boy.  
(Earline Russ)

1935

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson, Boy.  
(Lucille Kern)

1936

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Proctar, Girl.  
(Ruth Funk)

1937

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Girl.  
(Dorothy Eagan)

1939

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn, Boy.  
(Jeanne Printup)

1940

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Hoggart, Boy.  
(Helen Curry)

1942

Mr. and Mrs. Howie, Boy.  
(Francis Lindquist)

Master Sgt. and Mrs. P. E. Casey,  
Girl. (Dorothy?) Ed. Note:  
There are only 5 Dorothys in that  
class, No maiden name was given.

## HERE AND THERE

Capt. Edna Groppe, N.N.C., has been promoted to Major!

Lt. (j.g.) George Fraser is in charge of a medical ward at the Algiers Naval Station. He expects to be shipped out soon.

The beautiful quilted comforter raffled off by the Blue Cross Service Guild was won by Mr. Samuel L. Harlib, 4656 Clarendon Ave., Chicago, Ill.



## ST. LUKE'S HONOR ROLL

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| '40 Lt. Mary Ann Moss, A.N.C.<br>Station Hospital,<br>Camp Grant, Ill.                 | '42 Ensign Jean Louise Stevens,<br>N.N.C.   |
| '41 Ensign Ann Tomac, N.N.C.<br>U. S. Naval Hospital,<br>Shoemaker, California.        | '26 Lt. Miriam Godshall, N783867,<br>A.N.C.<br>Bushnell General Hospital,<br>Brigham City, Utah.                        |
| '41 Ensign Josephine Jakubiec, N.N.C.<br>U. S. Naval Hospital,<br>Oakland, California. | '29 Lt. Stella Weidman, N737640,<br>A.N.C.<br>T. General Hospital,<br>APO 958<br>c/o Postmaster, San Francisco,<br>Cal. |
| '42 Lt. Katherine Hoffman<br>Station Hospital,<br>Sparta, Wisconsin.                   |   |

## SPECIAL NEWS ITEM

### Chicago Nurse Escapes Attack On Mercy Ships

Nettuno, Italy, January 24 (copied from the Tribune)

In a cold blooded attack far outside the invasion zone, German bombers sank a hospital ship today and made a direct hit and near misses on two others. Swift rescue work was believed to have held losses of lives comparatively light.

The attack was delivered shortly after dark. Survivors said the three hospital ships were at least 10 miles from allied warship and landing craft. All three ships were painted white with large red crosses on their sides and all were lighted fully.

#### Nurses Escape Uninjured

Five American nurses attached to surgery teams were aboard and all were saved and uninjured. They are Lts. Ruth Hindman of Philadelphia and Elizabeth Berrett of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who escaped the ship that sank; Blanche A. Elsik, 5821 Gunnison St., Chicago, on the bombed ship, and Marguerite Mella, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. and Esther Hinshaw, Salem, Mass.

"The Germans lighted the skies for miles around with flares." One of the nurses said: "We heard anti-aircraft fire from other ships but we never dreamed the bombers would attack us. We had steamed well out to sea by that time and no warship or any other ships were near us."

"It wasn't an accident because they dive bombed us not once but several times," a survivor said. "It was a clear night and the ships were easily identifiable with their own lights and the glow from the flares."

#### Sinks Within 6 Minutes

The doomed hospital ship sank within six minutes. Lts. Hindman and Berrett were among the last to leave the vessel.

"There were only a few wounded aboard our ship," Lt. Elsik said. "We had just finished one surgery and were preparing for another when a bomb hit. We all were dazed and almost everything in the operating room was smashed or knocked over. We did the best we could, operating quickly and then we began receiving survivors. I heard that most of the wounded were saved."

#### St. Luke's Graduate

Lt. Elsik, 26 years old, was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1938. She had entered in 1935 after graduation from the Hyde Park High School. Lt. Elsik joined the Army Nurse Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor. Recently she married Capt. Louis J. Fentiman in North Africa. A brother, Ladislav J. Elsik, 2312 S. Sacramento Avenue, is in the navy.

## SERVICE GUILD BLUE CROSS



Have you remembered to send in your 365 pennies to the Blue Cross Service Guild as your 1943 year's gift? Send all money to Ruth Meldgard, 8422 Bennett St., Chicago, Illinois.

The Annual Meeting of the Blue Cross Service Guild will be held March 14 in the Alumnae Room at Schweppe Memorial Home. Come out and swell the crowd. We want all of you!

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

To all you nurses, especially those of you overseas and in the Service everywhere—have you given any thought to a Post-War Professional World? With post-war conferences in all walks of life, what comments have you on the kind of a nursing world you would like to help build?

## HELP! HELP!

St. Luke's Nursing Department will be glad to have additional members in the Victory Volunteer Group. These are older nurses who assist with nursing duties.

The Nursing Department can also use younger married nurses who have been active in nursing during the past five years and who find it possible to work one or two days a week.

To make arrangements for volunteer duty, or for information about wages, hours, etc., please contact Miss Madeleine McConnell, St. Luke's Hospital—Calumet 3000.

## NURSES

The nurses tend the needs of those  
with sickness fraught  
And foster faith and happiness in  
thought.  
They try to soothe and ease the rack  
and pain;  
They bring sunshine when there are  
clouds of rain.  
They spread light in the darkness of  
the night;  
They restore aching bodies to health  
and light.  
They restore strength to the weary in  
body and mind;  
They are crutches for the lame, sight  
for the blind.

From a poem by Pat Kelliher  
Thanks to Miss Fulmer.

The members of the 1944 A and B classes were guests of the Alumnae at the February 1 meeting. We hope they enjoyed the meeting as much as we enjoyed having them there. Refreshments were served in the lounge and the following program by student nurses was greatly enjoyed:

Duet	Indian Love Call
Dorothy Close	
Phyllis Strampe	Song of Love
Piano Solo	Barcarolle—Tschaikowsky
Nan Thompson	Fugue No. 5—Bach
Solo	Tuselli Serenade
Angela Del Vicchio	

## SYMPATHY

The Alumnae extends sincerest sympathy to Peg Farrar '22 whose sister passed away recently.

The Alumnae extends sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Helen Spinka Rutherford whose mother passed away recently.

The Alumnae extends sincerest sympathy to Virginia Strauss '22 whose



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The following letter was received at  
 the last minute from Mary M. Roberts,  
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 Bureau:

"Dear Editor:

This is just a note to tell you that  
**Facts About Nursing 1943** is now  
 available. Like its predecessors, it is  
 made up entirely of statistics about  
 nursing, with the sources from which  
 they are derived clearly indicated. So  
 many data were released this past year  
 through special studies and reports,  
 that we had to increase the size of the  
 1943 **Facts** by 16 pages!

"Because you may wish to include a  
 note about it in your publication, I am  
 enclosing a release which has gone to  
 the editors of various hospital, medical  
 and other nursing magazines. A list of

publications of the NIB and their cost  
 is also enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Roberts, Director,  
 Nursing Information Bureau".

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**Available: Facts About Nursing 1943**

Fatter by 16 pages than the 1942  
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 number of nurses in the country, the  
 number serving with the armed forces  
 and in Federal nursing services, the  
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 ated; incomes of nurses; variations in

cost of living in different sections of the country; and the number of licensed auxiliary workers in nursing services, as well as the list of states having laws relating to them.

A section on Vital Statistics in the 1943 **Facts** includes data about the 116,000 casualties (as of October 15, 1943) among our American Forces. Countries in which Army nurses were serving as of August 1, 1943 are listed in a section on Military Nursing. The number of disasters in which Red

Cross nurses served during 1942-1943 and the states in which the disasters occurred are presented in a section on the American Red Cross Nursing Service.

Sources from which all statistics are obtained are clearly indicated and a bibliography giving complete titles of sources is appended.

The price of the 1943 **Facts** is 25c. Copies may be ordered from the Nursing Information Bureau—address at the beginning of this article.

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maiden name when writing. Send all change of address information to Mrs. Leona Fitzmaurce, 5749 N. Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by the 10th of January, March, May, September and November. What have you?

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## On a Quiet Hill

Beyond this line of trees there is a hill,  
A gentle hill that looks toward fields of grain  
Against the blue of sky so hushed and still  
As earth is still, before a summer's rain.  
Within a pool of sunlight warm and deep  
You, who once walked lightly on this grass,  
Are at rest in quiet slumber, lovely sleep,  
And only wind, and flowers, and leaves now pass.  
Rest well, my own, my dear, and brightly dream  
Until a fresh life stirs again for you.  
Rest well in sun's warm gold or star's cool gleam  
To wake and know that life is real, is true.  
Beyond this line of trees there is a hill  
Against the blue, and all is hushed and still.



## Red Cross at Easter

You who wear the cross upon your caps,  
Upon your sleeves, and on your hearts, no doubt,  
Should at this hallowed season feel, perhaps,  
A kinship others may not know about.  
Like One Who wore His cross upon His back  
And healed by miracle, with word or touch.  
You followed in His footsteps track on track  
And wrought near-miracles by toiling much.  
We who have dim-outs now do not forget  
The sun was blacked out altogether then,  
While those three crosses stood in silhouette;  
Now in the shadows caused by selfish men,  
Humanity might in the darkness grope  
Without your cross and His to give it hope!

RUTH ARUNDEL PIERCY, R.N.

## 80 YEARS AGO—HOW ST. LUKE'S GOT IT START

St. Luke's Hospital, one of Chicago's principal institutions, grew indirectly out of the miseries of Confederate prisoners held at Camp Douglass and the efforts made by the good women of Grace Episcopal Church to alleviate them.

The early story of the hospital was recalled today as its present leaders prepared to mark the 80th anniversary of the women's decision to establish the institution, made at a meeting in the home of the rector of the church, the Rev. Clinton Locke, Feb. 18, 1864.

The Rev. Mr. Locke 31 years later, in 1895, wrote his recollections of the story of the hospital. The manuscript is still preserved in St. Luke's archives.

### Ladies Band Together

"I preached upon it one Sunday morning and after the service, Mrs. Locke gathered some of the ladies of the Camp Douglas Aid Society in the rectory to speak with me," he wrote. "This society was composed of ladies Grace Church, who were banded together for the purpose of supplying the sick soldiers of Douglas Camp with much-needed comforts. They had done a blessed work, but their services were no longer needed in that direction."

The ladies asked the rector to lead them in the foundation of a church hospital and he agreed.

"So," he continued, "on Feb. 18, 1864, a meeting of those interested was held at the house of Mrs. B. F. Had-duck, always a warm friend of the cause. At this meeting it was resolved to establish a hospital to be called St. Luke's. A simple constitution was framed and the following officers elected: Rev. Clinton Locke, president; Mrs. W. Franklin and Mrs. H. W. Ens-dale, vice-presidents; Mrs. B. F. Had-duck, treasurer; Mrs. Aaron Haven, secretary; Dr. Walter Hay, physician."

### Had Seven Beds

They rented a little house in State st. near Eldridge ct., "Where by

crowding we could put up seven beds." The Camp Douglas Aid Society was transformed into the St. Luke's Aid Society and began the 80-year-long task of raising money, finding equipment and recruiting help that has culminated in the great 485-bed institution of today. Their first patient was a man with delirium tremens, the rector recalled, who jumped out a window, ran across the street, seized a knife from a butcher shop and stabbed a passerby.

Their first move was into a three-story brick house three blocks south of the first quarters. It had been, he wrote, "a noted house of ill fame," but the proprietor died. (The Rev. Mr. Locke tells of officiating at her funeral.) A city editor bought it from her heirs as an investment, but could not rent it for any legitimate purpose until the hospital took it over. Here they had room for 18 beds.

### Moved Again in 1871.

The hospital moved to its present site in 1871, gradually expanding over the 1400 block between Michigan and Indiana avs. in the years since.

Hospital historians, however, have been unable to learn any more about the Camp Douglas Aid Society beyond what the rector wrote. The present rector, the Rev. William Travis, has made many attempts to uncover the facts, but without success. He believes that it was originally the Women's Guild of Grace Church who transferred their efforts to the camp after it was established in 1861.

Camp Douglas served first as a mustering and training ground for Union Army recruits, but during most of the Civil War quartered Confederate prisoners taken by the Union men. Its sanitary arrangements and facilities were primitive and it was usually crowded, with the result that there was much sickness and many deaths, with only the volunteer help of the church women to provide any relief.



## THE RED CROSS OUTPOST AS A HEALTH CENTER

With the development of any great achievement, there are connected many activities which also expand and progress, but which are lost to sight in the brilliance of the more conspicuous and spectacular movement. In the effort to push forward the frontier lines in Northern Canada, to wrest from the earth its hidden wealth, to convert its forests into raw material of large industries, and to encourage the settlement of the clay-belts, the Canadian Red Cross is playing an important part. Although not so widely heralded as the activities of the mining, lumbering and farming industries, it is pushing forward with the new civilization, carrying its outpost and nursing service into the newly settled districts and demonstrating by daily activity the principles of better health and better

As soon as the establishment of nursing outposts was included in the program of the Red Cross, surveys were made in several provinces to determine the types of outpost which could best serve the needs of the outlying districts. As the result of these studies, two definite types of nursing services have evolved.

In one district may be found a group of settlers, scattered here and there throughout an area of one thousand square miles or more. They have no central village of any considerable size. They have small schools several miles distant from each other, each having one teacher and perhaps five to twenty pupils. In this type of area it was decided to place a nurse with no hospital facilities. Some line of railway usually cut through such a district and, therefore, the nurse may move from one striking point to another rather conveniently. This does not mean, however, that she is not obliged to drive long distances to reach many of the homes which she serves. The nurse in this type of outpost gives bedside care to maternity and other patients who specially need her services. In giving this care she has the opportunity to talk to mothers about the sanitation of the home and the health of her children. She visits all the schools in the district twice a year or more, examines

the children for gross defects, gives health talks, and organizes Junior Red Cross branches. She arranges for doctors and dentists to come into the district periodically to hold clinics, in order that diseases and defects may be treated. She organizes all the details of such clinics and acts as supervising nurse when they are being conducted. She arranges that children who are cripples are sent, if necessary, to a central hospital for treatment. In fact, she becomes the physical Mother Confessor and Sister of Mercy for the whole community.

Another type of outpost is intended to serve a community of larger population and having a central point from which the whole district may be reached. Here is established a small hospital of two to six beds. In some of these hospitals there are two nurses, in others one nurse and a housekeeper with practical nursing experience. Maternity cases and others which can be successfully treated are admitted here. Medical and dental clinics are held in the outpost from time to time.

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### Announcements

Alumnae dues are due and payable in January. Please do not send stamps! Send your dues in by check or money order, please.

Emphasis to be stressed on the fact that you must be registered in the state—your own state—in order to qualify for “good standing” in your own alumnae.

In order to receive the St. Luke's News, write to Mrs. Alma Gunn, in the St. Luke's Nursing Office. The Alumnae has no jurisdiction over the News. It is sent out direct from the hospital.

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## THE MARCH OF TIME

1918

**Mary Ming** writes from Pasadena, California, that she is working all the time and still enjoys the California climate.

1920

News from **Elizabeth Leonard** as she travels about the country for the William Carter Company says: "I had a nice visit with Rae Sackville Oksnevad in Galsburg, Illinois. She is doing Community nursing and is the same old Rae. Her mother is quite ill, which keeps her tied down. In Cleveland, I had lunch with Bessie Bovee Baxter '20. As we were roommates all through training and haven't seen each other since, you can just imagine the jabbering that went on. Her daughter, Jean, is in her last year of college at Ann Arbor and her son is still in high school. Bessie has changed very little and still has that smile of hers. She tells me Louella Bailey lives near her. Bessie is Mrs. H. H. Baxter, 24654 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio.

One day a girl customer in the store recognized my pin and came up and spoke to me. She was Doris Olsson '34. She has been in the Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor before the war. While in Hawaii, she met a nephew of Miss Benedict, and he was very anxious to have her get in touch with his aunt. Miss Olsson married a flyer and has been reported missing since December 27. She is now doing general duty at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. She is Mrs. John Little, 256 Linden Ave., Southgate, Ky. She would be so happy to hear from any of her classmates.

Peg sends her regards to all her friends and expects to be back in the City the latter part of April.

1921

Sincerest congratulations to Mr. William Zinke and the very best of wishes to Mrs. William Zinke (**Ruth Sackett**) who were married March twenty-fifth at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Only the best to you both!

1924

An interesting letter to **Miss McConnell** from **Helen M. Benjamin** says: "I appreciate your letter. My training days meant a lot to me and it's a

joy to know of the school's growth. Because of my joy there, I am intensely interested in my job here, training Christian Indian nurses. My term is about half over and the next years will soon be gone. They will be important years out here—and I am, so glad I am here and not at home unable to get out. My greetings to other friends."

Note: Miss Benjamin is working at the A.B.M. Hospital, a Christian Medical Hospital at Vellore, South India. A pamphlet Miss Benjamin enclosed reads as follows: "Few people realize the large volume of work for health and healing flowing from the Christian Medical Institutions of India, Burma and Ceylon. In ministering to those afflicted by leprosy, by taking them into homes for treatment, Christian missions have almost a monopoly; and more than half of the seven and a half lakhs expended comes from outside India. In ministering to those afflicted with tuberculosis, they have about one-third of the beds available in India. In general work they do perhaps one-eighth of the total and have a specially large share in ministering to women and children; they do a large amount of surgery, both general and for relief of eye diseases." The Vellore Medical School now offers a post-graduate nursing course—which Miss Benjamin says is the only course in South India.

1925

**Anita Fraser Swaggerty** writes that she is at home caring for her mother who had a stroke and has been ill for the past six years.

1928

**Ruth Montgomery Luxem** writes that Bob is now in Italy and that she and her one year old son are living in Valparaiso, Indiana. Bob is a member of a bomber crew and his last letter was written February 1st. Of course, her son keeps her almost too busy to think. He walks now and says many words. She says he is "the most wonderful baby that ever was." Ruth says she misses Chicago and the hospital.

1928

Word from **Mrs. Ruth Hogan O'Donnell** says that she is planning to



work part time. We hope to see her around St. Luke's again soon.

1929

Congratulations to Capt. Walter E. Pohler (husband of Lt. **Eleanore Turnbull**) on his promotion to Major.

1930

**Beulah Dittoe** has been transferred to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, where she is training for overseas duty. Ten nurses were in the group from Amarillo, Texas.

1931

**Helen Frantz Wilson** writes from Bradford, Pa., that she doesn't get much news of St. Luke's classmates and friends out there and wishes more of the wirls would write in and tell about their jobs, their families, etc. She says she often takes out the "Round Robin" and enjoys reading it. Helen is the only instructor of nurses' aides in the hospital where she works and does all the follow-up work on the wards. Says it is a lot of work but she enjoys it.

Joanne Moreland Pryde is now living in Albuquerque, New Mexico—and has a family of three boys!

1932

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goode (**Viola Heikkinen**) have returned to Chicago where Mr. Goode will teach naval students for two months.

1933

A recent letter from **Mary Stone** "somewhere in England" tells us "All these men want to get the thing over quickly and go home. No one can blame them as they are deprived of so many things, regardless of rank and it's not quite a picnic even for those who are footloose like myself. Can't write about anything much except that we are waiting, waiting and preparing for the big things to happen. Of course, in the meantime we are filling in time with some nursing, lectures and drills, at times working pretty hard and at others just plain loafing. Our times off have been greatly curtailed and, certain parts of England have been forbidden to us for the present. Last Tuesday we were inspected by the highest ranking nurse of our base. Seemed to be quite satisfied and gave us a very excellent report. I am not a bit happy about it as that

may turn us into a general hospital. I certainly would dislike to stay put here for the duration. The army seems to have been bitten by a bug never known to me before. It is called "Inspection." Every Saturday morning every nook and corner of the camp is looked over by a higher rank medical officer and during the week by somebody from the base, although lately they have not been around quite as often. My dear, I mean it when I say **every** nook and corner — even our living quarters, etc. Shoes, before they are hung up underneath the bed in an even row, have to be not only cleaned and shined, but also laced and tied as when one wears them. I could cover pages describing the extremely fanatical method they use and employ to find fault. Believe the only reason I can laugh it off is because I have always been an "old maid" when it comes to cleanliness and having things in order.

Several of our girls have attended G.I. school for three weeks (where they are taught to be soldiers). When there, they have to measure distance of comb and articles from the edge in order to be just so. Wonder when my turn will come up.

Miss Gooch wrote that she has been over here three times and never saw a drop of rain or a fog. I read the letter to the girls. The poor kids laughed until they cried. All want to know what part of England Miss Gooch visited. As a fact, for the past six weeks we have had more beautiful days than all the previous time put together. However, the sun does not warm up one's bones.

I do get around with a Major who does not belong to our Unit. He is the C.O. of his outfit. Of course, it does not mean anything except to break the monotony of the routine—and that helps a great deal. Always so glad to hear from you."

1933

Word from Mrs. Norbert B. Frey (**Marian Keck**) says she is living in Nevada City, California, 150 miles from San Francisco. She has two children, a boy three years old and a girl one year old. She is working in her Doctor husband's office at present because

of the shortage of nurses. She would love to hear from any of the girls who get out her way. Says that she gets continuous compliments on the pretty cap; "Don't ever let the cap be changed."

1937

Mrs. Arthur Bryant (**Vivian King**) writes that Lt. Bryant has been a P.O.W. for the last fourteen months. He was in Italy and is now in Germany. She says she would enjoy any bit of news and would be glad to help in any way if any one else finds herself in a similar situation. She says: "I have been working in a doctor's office since I returned to Princeton two years ago in June. We are very busy, seeing between fifty to seventy patients in the office a day. There is a severe shortage of help in the rural districts. I am proud to wear the St. Luke's cap, but warring times are hard on organdy. Has the committee ever considered something that we could pack, launder and use for the duration? I wonder if I might not be asking this for a good many nurses at this time."

1938

A letter from Mrs. R. H. Reed, mother of **Mary Elizabeth Reed**, says

that Mary Elizabeth sailed for the Southwest Pacific on January 10. As yet destination is unknown. She writes that it is grand over there, with the hospital modern, up to the minute and, at present, is in psychiatric work, in which she took a post-graduate course at Menninger Hospital. She wishes to be remembered to all inquiring friends.

1938

**Margaret McArdle DeVarss** writes: "I have been doing visiting nursing for the Red Cross in their Camp Community Nursing Program. Last June I was in charge of a "White Shelter" during the Arkansas River flood in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. I am trying to find my place here in Public Health Nursing with the Red Cross—a few administrative details have to be straightened out. I don't feel really isolated from my friends in Chicago because the "Alumnae" reaches me sooner or later. Best wishes."

News from a nurse in England writes about Xmas in their hospital. A tree in each ward was decorated by patients and nurses with all sorts of hand made ornaments. For candles, they used cigarettes standing in holders. They all enjoyed themselves.

## INDUSTRIAL NURSES IN INDUSTRY

DR. H. G. GARDINER, M.D.

With the increasing demand for nurses generally, it is time for someone who is in a position to know, to state the importance of the Industrial Nurse of **today**. Just where does she stand in this world as compared to her sisters from the point of view of utilization of ability and training? In specifying the Industrial Nurse of **today**, it is a deliberate act meant to bury at once and for all time the feeling that nursing care of industrial workers requires any less than the highest abilities of the profession.

There can be no argument of consequence to minimize the belief that our nurses in industry have reached the highest level it has ever been the

privilege of a nurse to attain. They have quite obviously risen to tasks involving that degree of personality, intelligence, integrity, ability, and resourcefulness which was intended by those imaginative planners who first were able to gain the degree of feminine suffrage in which nursing as a profession was conceived.

Those of us who have handled industrial personnel have had to learn a delicacy and finesse far beyond that required in working with any other group of people. Justifiable or otherwise, this is nevertheless a true state of affairs and most of us have had to learn the hard way. A demanding attitude on the part of the ill or injured worker has served in the creation of



this specialized branch of nursing in its rise to a position of leadership. Certainly, there are much larger groups, but none whose work is more exacting or demanding in every detail than this rapidly growing, increasingly important group in our medical firmament. Nor is there any other group privileged to do so much for so many, individually or collectively. Their influence permeates the entire community built around industry. There is no other contact so challenging to the initiative of the nurse.

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## To a Graduate Nurse

Last night I sat upon a platform watched a half hundred young nurses receive recognition of their successful completion of three years of rigorous training.

The work of the trained nurse seems, to me, to fit the four requirements of an ideal task: It has difficulty enough in it to give one a sense of adventure while doing it and a sense of mastery when it is done; it has variety and routine mixed in the right proportions; it gives one a sense of creating something that can be claimed as a personal accomplishment; the trained nurse comes into contact with humanity when it is face to face with the age-old problem of pain. And since man may be made or broken by the way they face pain, this means that the trained nurse ministers to humanity in some of its most critical and creative hours.

The trained nurse can supplement the doctor's ministry to the patient's body with a more subtle ministry to the patient's mind. In her more intimate relation to the patient the nurse is in a particularly favorable position to recognize the too often overlooked fact that the mind hath a medicine chest upon which the practitioners of the healing art do well to draw.

If the trained nurse sees and seizes these alluding opportunities for a service that gives her the fullest self-expression and if she can contrive to cultivate a light spirit in the midst of her ministry to spirits that are burdened, she may congratulate herself on her choice of a profession.

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## Hats Off!

The following story was sent in by one of our nurses: Harriet Fulmer recently returned from a trip to Detroit. She was "all set" with a lower Pullman reservation. However, because many tired young service boys were standing up in the aisle, Miss Fulmer would not permit the porter to make up her berth. Three could sit up with her if it were not made up. Sooooo—she sat up the whole night with one of these boys sound asleep on her shoulder—Miss Fulmer was asleep, too. Two boys slept across the seat from her. Miss Fulmer received beautiful red roses at Easter time from the parents of the boy who slept on her shoulder—with a lovely thank you note. That was a beautiful thing to do. Miss Fulmer. Our hat's off to you!!



## New Arrivals

### CONGRATULATIONS

- 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Hedges McDons  
(Mayme Hendrickson) Boy  
1927 Mr. and Mrs. William Henke  
(Lela Meverden) Girl

## St. Luke's Honor Roll

- 1943 Lt. Rae Thiele—  
Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.  
1943 Lt. Edythe Watson—  
Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.  
1943 Lt. Helen Stetson—  
Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.

## Congratulations on Promotions

- 1928 1st Lt. Caroline Stewart,  
Ft. Devons, Mass.  
1932 Capt. Elizabeth Breitung,  
Letterman Gen. Hosp,  
San Francisco, Cal.

## Sympathy 1925

The Alumnae extend sincerest sympathy to Nance McDonald McKay whose husband passed away suddenly.

The Alumnae extend sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Versteeg (Bonnie Eastburn) whose father passed away recently.

## High Flight

The author of the following lines was John Gillespie Magee, Jr., 19, American flier killed last December 11 in action with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun split clouds—and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring here,

I've chased the shouting wind along and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue I've topped the wind swept heights with easy grace,

Where never lark, or even eagle, flew; And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

You all know that the Wagner-Murray-Dingle Bill is due to come up soon for consideration. You all know, too, that it is a plan of compulsory health insurance. How deeply you have studied the bill will, of course, be registered by your interest either in helping it through or defeating it. In its good aspects, it is supposed to make people provide for sickness and unemployment by law, with deductions from their salaries. However, in my humble opinion, legislation of that sort can never, never accomplish the task. I think that all health agencies, workers, social agencies, doctor, nurses, and everyone else are falling down miserably on a

job that is necessary in the growth of a nation who has the best medical standards and records of any country on the face of the earth.

I do feel that we need a practical program to awaken American to the fact that sickness is costly and is going to be among us as long as we remain as human beings upon the face of the earth. The Red Cross is doing a beautiful job in their Home Nursing Classes teaching people how to make living conditions in their own homes more conducive to good health. The Red Cross teaches and stresses periodic physical examinations. In that connection, I want to mention the



Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer. It is a group of women volunteers who are the lay organ for lay education in detecting early symptoms of cancer—of the need of periodic physical examinations to rule out and prevent cancer. Only by educating the lay population can we impress people with the need for "laying up" for rainy or ill days. Bureaucracy and politicians can't be expected to do this big job. It is up to every one who has had any health education to put a shoulder to the wheel and push. We do need a practical program—and instead of supporting or defeating the Wagner-Murray-Dingle bill, I think we should write our congressman, our American Medical Association, our Illinois Medical Association, and all the others who could get their heads together and work out a practical plan of action.

I should like all of you to know that the Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer, with offices at 48 West Division Street, Chicago, is going ahead with a practical application

in educating the lay population. The W.F.A. conducts a clinic, for women only as yet, where apparently well women come in for complete physical examinations to rule out cancer. A large number of early cases have been discovered—have received treatment and now have a chance to live a normal life without the fear of being one of the "too late" victims of this dread disease. Other conditions have been found, for which the patient has been sent to her own doctor for treatment. This is a big job—and the public is being educated. So far, the Clinic is booked with 15 or 16 patients each Clinic night until about the middle of August. Is there a field for educational work among the lay people? That record speaks for itself. This has been recognized as a war work by the President of the United States and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is the head of the movement. For sympathizers and supporters, the membership dues are \$1.00 a year, which covers the cost of literature handed out at the W.F.A. programs and meetings.

## City of Chicago—Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each April a special campaign conducted by the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer calls attention to the fact that cancer is the second highest cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, if correctly diagnosed and treated in time, from one-half to two-thirds of the 163,000 lives lost annually because of cancer could be saved; and

WHEREAS, the 32,017 lives lost on our country's battlefronts up to December 23, 1943, constitute less than one-fifth of the deaths caused by cancer on the homefront in a single year; and

WHEREAS, "Treated in Time, Cancer Can Be Cured" is the slogan under which the Women's Field Army will conduct a campaign to teach our citizens how to recognize the early signs of cancer to the end that they shall realize the necessity of consulting their physicians while cure is still possible; and

WHEREAS, as a practical application of the educational program of the Women's Field Army in Illinois the Cancer Prevention Clinic for Women which opened May 13, 1943, is the principal project and has proved so effective that it will be studied as a pattern for a similar national project.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of the City of Chicago, in furtherance of this great humanitarian effort, do hereby designate the month of April as CANCER CONTROL MONTH IN CHICAGO, and in so doing I urge all channels of information—the press, the radio, the magazines, as well as the various religious, social, fraternal, labor and industrial organizations—to lend their support as a matter of public welfare to the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, 48 West Division Street, Chicago.

Dated this fourteenth day of March, A.D. 1944

EDWARD J. KELLY MAYOR

## QUOTATIONS FROM FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

*May 12, 1820—August 13, 1910*

Written in her private journal on Easter Sunday, 1867, after twenty years' incessant labor in the cause of nursing:

"Nursing, especially that most important of all its branches—nursing of the sick poor at home, is no amateur work. To do it as it ought to be done requires knowledge, practice, self-abnegation and direct obedience to and activity under the highest of all masters and from the highest of all motives.

A nurse cannot be a cook, a relieving officer, district visitor, letter-writer, upholsterer, almoner, purveyor, Lady Bountiful and medical comforts-ship. Where these things are needed for recovery she or her chief know where to apply for them.

The sick poor's room must be made a place not to render impossible recovery from the sickness which it has

probably bred.

The nurse must teach the family to nurse the room. A well known Bishop once cleaned the pig-sties of the Normal Training School of which he was Master, as an example—perhaps one of the most Episcopal acts ever done.

One may pretty safely say that if district nurses begin by giving relief, they will end by doing nothing but give relief.

Where can the sick poor in general be sick? At Home.

Where can nurses be trained to care for them? In Hospitals.

It is only there that skilled nurses can be trained. This makes the nursing of the sick at home the most expensive kind of nursing at present, yet no one would wish to convey the whole sick population into hospitals."

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## The Nurse in the Industrial Health Program

**What is meant by industrial nursing and why is it important?**

Industrial nursing is a part of the health and safety program of industry and includes all nursing services which promote the health of the worker. Lost time of workers due to illness or injury is costly to the worker himself, to the industry, and to the community. Much of this lost time can be shortened or prevented altogether through well directed efforts.

The health of the worker, his ability to remain on the job and to produce at his utmost efficiency will moreover be one of the factors determining the effectiveness of this country's plan for national security. The Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service said recently in discussing health and medical preparedness: "Another urgent task involves the protection and promotion of the health of industrial workers . . . Our industrial machines are the most efficient in the world. The men and women who man the machines must have comparable efficiency."<sup>1</sup>

**What do nurses in industry do?<sup>3</sup>**

The industrial nurse contributes to the efficiency of the worker by being alert to the factors which cause illness and fatigue, and which reduce productivity. Through skilled first-aid and nursing care, through teaching healthful ways of living at the moment when they are important to the individual, and through utilization of community health and welfare services to meet the needs of the worker and his family, she not only promotes health but is also a factor in promoting good working relationships in the plant.

In large plants employing physicians, engineers, safety men, and personnel managers, the nurse's work may be limited largely to first-aid care. Over 90 per cent of industrial plants in this country, however, employ 500 people or less. If these smaller plants employ any full-time health worker at all, it is most often a nurse, who combines first-aid care with many other activities for preservation of the health of employees. Such a nurse assists the part-time physician to conduct health ex-



aminations and helps the workers to secure correction of physical defects and of social maladjustments. She acts as a teacher of health both to individuals and groups, and may participate in administration of the safety program, activities of interdepartment organizations, nutritional programs, and employee recreation.

#### **Is there a need for more industrial nurses?**

Growing recognition of the importance of the health of the workers is resulting in the development of more health service and the increased use of industrial nurses. The increased membership in the Industrial Nursing Section of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing reflects this growth. There are at present about 3,000 full-time graduate, registered nurses employed in industry in this country. In addition, some visiting nurse associations make contracts for part-time service to industries. These are usually made with small establishments which cannot afford (and do not need) a full-time nurse, but which in this way can secure expert nursing service at small cost. It is estimated that only about one third of the workers employed in industrial establishments in the United States have industrial nursing service. "Health supervision is inadequate especially in industrial plants employing 500 or less workers, and these employ some 62 per cent of the working population."

#### **Who employs and directs nurses in industry?**

Usually industries administer their own health services and employ nurses and other health personnel. Industrial nursing services may, however, be administered by a mutual benefit association organized by employees within the industry or by some outside health agency. In the large plant the full-time medical director is in charge of the nursing service.

In small plants the nurse may function most efficiently when she is directly responsible to the management. Always, the nurse must give first-aid and follow-up treatment under the orders of some physician, given either directly or through standing orders.

#### **What type of nurse should enter this field?**

industry must have—in addition to professional competence in nursing—ability to make effective contacts with adults of varying abilities and interests. She must understand and respect individual reactions, prejudices, and fears. She must be adaptable and resourceful and have both physical health and emotional stability.

#### **What preparation is desirable?<sup>4</sup>**

To make her most effective contribution in industry the nurse needs:

Knowledge and skill which will enable her to detect early signs of abnormal conditions in workers and assist the physician in determining the causes.

Skill in meeting emergencies and administering first-aid care.

Health knowledge which forms the basis for teaching employees health principles, and an awareness of the opportunities for such teaching.

Understanding of plant operations and their hazards.

Understanding of community resources for the care of employees and their families.

Any registered nurse who is a graduate of an accredited school of nursing should be professionally prepared to give first-aid care. Because in many plants the duties of the industrial nurse are so varied that she must fit herself into the organization as a whole, she needs more than a good basic nursing preparation. In addition to this, she needs a working knowledge of the principles of teaching, and some understanding of social case work, community organization and resources, industrial relations, personnel administration, industrial hazards, nutrition, communicable disease control, mental hygiene, and personal hygiene—as they affect the individual and his family.

Many industrial nurses endowed with native ability have in the past attained this working knowledge of various things related to industrial health through the trial and error method just as pioneer workers in other fields, of necessity, have done. Employees who are selecting new nurses today, however, may avoid costly mistakes if they select nurses who already have some preparation for this field, and young nurses interested in industrial nursing will wish to prevent possible failure by seeking special preparation.

### How can preparation be secured?

A good present-day industrial health program has much in common with a good public health program in other fields. Authorities in the field of industrial health now realize that industrial accidents and disease cause much less absenteeism than do accidents and disease not related to industrial hazards. The best special preparation available to the industrial nurse, therefore, is study and practice in public health nursing. Experience under qualified nurse supervision in a public health nursing service where she has an opportunity to practice health teaching, use of community resources, and other skills which are needed in industrial health work, is of first importance.

Academic preparation such as may be secured in an approved program of study in public health nursing in a college or university is also needed. Increasingly, special application to the industrial environment is made in such courses as sociology, psychology, public health administration, health education, and principles of public health nursing. In addition, courses in industrial hygiene and opportunities for practice or at least observation in an industrial health unit are available in some universities. Information about opportunities of this kind may be secured from directors of the various programs of study.<sup>5 6</sup>

### How are positions in industrial nursing secured?

Many employers and nurses use the nurse placement bureaus which have met standards set by the National Organization for Public Health Nursing

and whose service covers the entire country:

1. Nurse Placement Service, 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

2. The Nursing Bureau of Manhattan and Bronx, 205 East 42 Street, New York, N. Y.

The N.O.P.H.N. (1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.) is glad to consult with nurses planning to enter this field, or employers wishing to know more of the industrial nurses's work and responsibilities.

### What are the usual hours of duty?

The nurse's hours of work are arranged to meet the needs of the workers in each particular establishment. The working week of the nurse is usually the same as for other employees in the plant or business establishment.

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*List of suggested readings. Single copies can be obtained free from the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.*

3. Functions of the Nurse in Industry.

4. Desirable Qualifications of Nurses Appointed to Public Health Nursing Positions in Industry.

5. Programs of Study in Public Health Nursing for Graduate Nurses.

6. How to Enter the Field of Public Health Nursing.

## Retriever's Department

Lt. Ethelyn Peterson, 1925, has been reported as Captain. We seem to be in doubt as to whether or not this promotion has happened and the Alumnae regrets any error in the report and any embarrassment that it has caused. We are hoping that this promotion has taken place by this time, however, and wish only the best for Lt. Ethelyn Peterson!

## The Golden Path

If end on end the light and patient steps were laid

That nurses take all up and down the hospitals halls,

This golden path would reach close to the Mercy-seat,

A shining service given in answering human calls.

Annie Dolman Inskeep



## Bacteria Affected by Penicillin

### Sensitive

- Streptococcus (childbirth fever and many cases of serious sepsis)
- Staphylococcus (boils, carbuncles and serious infections of bone and other organs)
- Pneumococcus (pneumonia)
- Anthrax bacillus
- Diphtheria bacillus
- Actinomyces ("woody tongue" of cattle and sometimes human disease)
- Tetanus bacillus
- Bacilli of gas gangrene
- Gonococcus (gonorrhea)
- Meningococcus (spotted fever)

### Partially Sensitive

- Typhoid bacillus
- Vibrio El Tor (cholera-like disease)

### Insensitive

- Gaertner's bacillus (food poisoning)
- Tubercle bacillus
- Plague bacillus
- Cholera bacillus
- Brucella (undulant fever)
- Colon bacillus and related organisms

### Another Benefit from Painless Childbirth Technic

"One of the outstanding benefits to a patient who is delivered under caudal analgesia (the painless childbirth technic announced a year ago) is the prompt termination of the third stage of labor and the amazingly small amount of blood lost," Norris W. Vaux and Robert M. Mitchell of Philadelphia report in a recent article.

The two men point out that it has been said that more women die from accidents of the third stage of labor than during the other two combined. Strictly speaking, the duration of the third stage of labor is from the birth of the child to the birth of the placenta in toto. The placenta is the organ within the womb which establishes communication between the mother and child by means of the umbilical cord.

### Cold Vaccines of No Value

Another study in which it was revealed that cold vaccines are of no value in the prevention of colds is reported by Lemuel C. McGee, Wilmington, Del., J. E. Andes, Morgantown,

W. Va., C. A. Plume, Succasunna, N. J., and S. H. Hinton, Parlin, N. J. The study was made among men and women employed by an industry in five geographic locations. The investigators say, "No clearly evident protection against the cold and related acute respiratory infections can be demonstrated in the results of this clinical trial at mass immunization. The indiscriminate use of cold vaccine now available is not the answer to the problem of industrial absenteeism due to acute respiratory infections." These findings confirm those reported from the University of Minnesota in 1938 and 1940 and those obtained in a similar study among military personnel.

### Penicillin for Gas Gangrene

A case of gas gangrene has been successfully treated with penicillin after all routine measures, including serums, sulfonamides and amputation, had failed, W. B. McKnight, Richard D. Loewenberg and Virginia L. Wright, Portola, Calif., reported recently. This is believed to be the first instance in which the new drug was used to treat a gas bacillus infection in a human being. The significance of this report is emphasized by the fact that although gas gangrene is a comparatively rare infection in civilian life, it is a serious menace in military operations. The mortality rate was 48.52 per cent among the American troops in France in the last world war.

### Virus Pneumonia Not a Disease Entity

As a result of clinical, x-ray and laboratory studies carried out by F. B. Lusk and E. K. Lewis, Chicago, they conclude that atypical pneumonia, sometimes called virus pneumonia, should not be considered a disease entity but part of a syndrome, or group of symptoms, in which the lesions in the lung are but one manifestation of a generalized infection. Their report in a recent issue of **Diseases of the Chest** is based on a study representing a cross section of some 6,000 cases of acute epidemic respiratory tract infection treated in the Station Hospital at Fort Custer, Michigan.

### Incidence of Cancer

The prevalence of cancer in the

United States is again emphasized in the results of a survey recently made and reported in **Public Health Reports** by Harold F. Dorn of the United States Public Health Service. He says: "It is estimated that there are about 475,000 to 500,000 persons under treatment for cancer at any given time in

the United States. About 300,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed for the first time during each year. In addition to these cases are those which have been treated and cured, as well as those with undiagnosed tumors. The number in the latter two categories is unknown."

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## Industrial Hygiene Goes to War

By FAYE HENLE

Mrs. Jones' Janie was too young to be a WAC or WAVE. The assembly line was next best, she decided. She got work in a factory making chemicals to fight incendiary bombs. Eight days later she was dead.

Harry Harvey gave up his grocery store job and learned to be a spray painter. Never in his life had he been sick. But several months later, his liver was enlarged and the size of his red blood cells was increasing alarmingly.

Tim Tully never thought he'd be a quitter, never thought of striking until—like other workers in a Seattle shipyard—his skin became irritated. Then he put down his tools and marched home.

Bob Brown had never seen a doctor. One day, turning out airplane parts in a West Coast plant, he felt ill. His skin turned yellow. Several of his fellow workers had it, too.

Mary Martin was a painter, but not the sort that starves in garrets. Today her chances of ever painting again are gone. She is suffering from radium poisoning — contracted when she switched to painting dial faces on airplane instrument boards.

Casualties like these are now almost a thing of the past. Doctors, chemists and engineers have stepped in and taken over, in all the instances mentioned and many more. Together with state and federal divisions of industrial hygiene and the Army and Navy, they are winning their war against the health saboteurs of industry.

What made Janie die? Or Harry's liver enlarge, or Tim's skin break into a rash? Why did Bob get jaundice and Mary radium poisoning?

Janie was working in an embroidery factory hastily converted into a chemical warfare plant and operated by a management unfamiliar with chemicals. Employees were warned against inhaling fumes from the methyl bromide tank, conspicuously labeled "poison." Water pans were provided at each work table to prevent chemical contamination of the worker's face or hands as he passed the methyl bromide through dry ice, mixed it with oxygen and sealed it in glass tubes to be used as an extinguishing chemical. But that was not enough.

After Janie died, and other workers suffered, the owner was ordered to close his factory until engineers drew up plans for ventilation so that these same operations might henceforth be carried on with complete safety.

When Harry became ill the plant doctor suspected that it might be toluol poisoning. Toluol was being used for the first time in unprecedented quantities.

In company with a physician of the U. S. Public Health Service from the Division of Industrial Hygiene, all workers who used toluol frequently were examined. Detailed studies of each exposed worker's blood were made, and a chemist was set to work checking the precise amounts of toluol present in the factory air. A fairly good correlation was found between the intensity of exposure and the medical findings. The concentration of toluol in the plant atmosphere was sufficient to cause serious trouble.

While the workers were receiving medical care, a Division of Industrial Hygiene engineer arrived. Years of experience with similar problems made



it possible for him to design a ventilating system which would maintain the concentration of toluol at a safe level. Long after Harry was back at work the Division was busy recording toxicologic data, to be applied wherever toluol was used.

When Tim and his fellow workers struck, an urgent request for help met with prompt response. A staff of physicians, chemists and engineers was flown to the scene. Treatment for the skin ailment was immediately instituted, and simultaneously investigations were under way to find out which workers first got the disease and what substances they used. It was the group working on cable and wire insulation that first became involved. At once the insulating agents were tested chemically, as were insulating agents used in other shipyards where workers were healthy. Analysis showed that Tim's company was using chlorinated naphthalenes and diphenyls in the insulating process. This caused the disease.

At the end of three days the strike was ended. With their skin healing, the shipbuilders were back at work.

Treacherous solvents — prohibitively expensive to control—have been the cause of many SOS calls. After each call is answered and the individual plant's problem solved, experimentation with these agents continues in industrial hygiene laboratories.

Formulas for twenty-five solvents are available to plants requesting less toxic substitutes for benzol. A plant making self-sealing rubber tanks for airplanes found that by using the improved solvent discovered by a Division of Industrial Hygiene chemist, its output was increased. Parts dried faster, and the time between successive stages of manufacture was reduced.

In the manufacture of Army raincoats, solvents such as acetone and ethyl-methyl ketone, when used in close quarters, often caused explosive fires. Now that New York City has

many Army raincoat contracts, a campaign is under way to use the new solvents.

Degreasing agents like the one that caused Bob Brown's jaundice have recently provided considerable work for industrial hygienists. Carbon tetrachloride, used carelessly from open cans, is likely to cause jaundice and liver trouble, though trichlorethylene, in the amounts used in peacetime, seldom caused more than a transient narcosis. But its increased use under wartime conditions, without a corresponding enlargement of air space in the work room, was affecting the nervous system severely enough to cause casualties. Medical supervision and improved ventilation have removed the hazard.

During World War 1, some protection was offered industrial workers through an office of scientific research in the National Institute of Health. Its studies covered silicosis, poisonous fumes, and cancer resulting from the mishandling of radium. By 1935, only half a dozen states had industrial hygiene units studying and correcting occupational hazards. But the same year the Division of Industrial Hygiene was organized, funds were made available to the states. By 1941 there were thirty-two state divisions operating, and four separate departments were functioning in such large industrial centers as Detroit and Baltimore. Since Pearl Harbor, eleven more units have been added. Educational programs advocating industrial nursing, dentistry within war plants and proper nutrition are carried on, along with the work of caring for war industry hazards.

Industrial hygiene has come of age. Enough information to prevent the ill effects of every industrial exposure is available to plants everywhere. It saves the lives and health of our millions of workers, without whose help neither battles nor invasions nor occupations of distant lands could ever be accomplished, or victory finally won.

## YOUR PAGE

Editor's note: Many thanks for the cooperation of all of you who wrote in any bits of news and for those who not only collected news items, but turned them in to me here in the City. Special thanks to Miss Harriet Fulmer

for the interesting articles and poems included in this issue.

The rest of the page is yours for more news items. They may not be exciting to you but will help our overseas nurses know what you are doing.

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## PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES

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JUNE, 1944

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## Alumnae Pledge



### An Assurance of Loyalty

With understanding of and the belief in the  
 aims and purposes of the Alumnae Association of  
 St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, I do sol-  
 emnly affirm, that I will endeavor, by my daily  
 life and service, to honor always the profession of  
 which I am a member.



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## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PRAYER

Washington, D. C., June 6—This is the invasion prayer which President Roosevelt wrote while allied troops were landing on the coast of France:

"My fellow Americans:

"In this poignant hour, I ask you to join me in prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness to their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. The enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

"They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest—till the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

"These are men lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy Kingdom.

"And for us at home—fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters and brothers of brave men overseas, whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them—help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

### Prayers for Each Day

"Many people have urged that I call the nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

"Give us strength, too—strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and material support of our armed forces.

"And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

"And, O Lord, give us faith. Give us faith in Thee; faith in our sons; faith in each other; faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment—let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

"With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances.

"Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace—a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

"Thy will be done, Almighty God.

"Amen."

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# Present By-Laws With Proposed Changes

April 24, 1944

## PRESENT BY-LAWS

### Article IV.

#### Standing Committees

Section 1 (a) The standing committees shall be: Revisions; Finance; Membership; Program; Relief; Publication and Press; Nominating; Private Duty Nursing and Public Health Nursing.

### Article IV.

#### Standing Committees

### Article V.

#### Nominations and Elections

Sections 3. (a) In the even numbered years the President, the Second Vice-President, the Treasurer and four Directors to serve as Chairmen of the Nominating Committee, the Relief Committee, the Program Committee, Public Health Nursing Committee and two members-at-large, shall be elected to serve two years.

### Article I.

#### Membership

Section 1. Classes. Membership shall consist of five classes: Active, Associate, Tentative, Non-Resident and Honorary.

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#### Membership

Section 3. ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, TENTATIVE and NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS in this Association shall consist of nurses graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, who are in good standing in the profession.

## SUGGESTED REVISION

### Article IV.

#### Standing Committees

Section 1 (a) The standing committees shall be: Revisions; Finance; Program: Membership; Relief; Publication and Press; Nominating; Private Duty Nursing; Public Health Nursing and **Industrial Nursing**.

### Article IV.

#### Standing Committees

Section II. (New) **The Industrial Nursing Section** shall elect their officers, who shall serve for a period of two years, such election to be ratified by the Board of Directors at their meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. The President shall appoint this Chairman of the Industrial Nursing Section as Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Nursing.

### Article V.

#### Nominations and Elections

Section 3. (a) In the even numbered years the President, the Second Vice-President, the Treasurer and four Directors to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the Relief Committee, the Program Committee, the Public Health Nursing Committee, Industrial Nursing Committee and **one** member-at-large, shall be elected to serve two years.

### Article I.

#### Membership

Section 1. Classes. Membership shall consist of **four** classes: Active, Associate, Non-Resident and Honorary.

### Article I.

#### Membership

Section 3. ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE and NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS in this Association shall consist of nurses graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, who are in good standing in the profession. **Any graduate nurse applying for membership in the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing as of January 1, 1945 must be currently registered.**



**PRESENT BY-LAWS**

Section 3. (b) TENTATIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be available to graduate nurses during the first six months following graduation. Tentative members shall meet the following requirements:

1. Residing or practicing in the 1st District of Illinois, after six months from graduation.

2. Application for examination by State Board of Nurse Examiners. Upon receipt of the State Registration number and transference by the treasurer of dues held for tentative members to active account, the Treasurer shall transfer such Tentative Member to Active Membership and issue Active Membership card.

Tentative Members shall be dropped from membership if not transferred to Active Membership within the specified six months. Tentative Members are eligible to Relief as shown in Article XI, section 2, governing Relief, and shall be reported to the 1st District as members for purposes of registration, but have no other right or privilege of Active Members until so admitted.

**Article II.****Dues**

Section 3. Tentative Members pay dues pending transference to Active Membership. These dues to be held by the Treasurer until requirements for Active Membership are complete.

**Article I.****Membership**

Section 2. (c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSIST of Graduate Nurses residing in the 1st District of Illinois who are not employed in any professional capacity. Technicians, assistants in Doctors' offices, in Public Health or Social Service work shall not be admitted as Associate Members. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of Active Members, in matters pertaining to the Alumnae Association, except to hold office or vote on matters concerning the 1st District, State or National Organization.

**SUGGESTED REVISION****DELETED SECTION 3. (b)**

**DELETED.**

**DELETED.**

**Article II.****Dues**

**Section 3. DELETED**

**Article I.**

Section 2. (c) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall consist of **Registered** Nurses residing in the 1st District of Illinois who are not employed in any professional capacity. Technicians, assistants in Doctors' offices, in Public Health or Social Service work shall not be admitted as Associate Members. Associate Members shall have all rights and privileges of Active Members in matters pertaining to the Alumnae Association, except to hold office.

## Amendment to By-Laws

April 20, 1944



### Article II—Sec. I

The object of the guild is:

- I. To provide special nursing care to critically ill or major operative members.
- II. To pay for blood transfusions and oxygen when considered advisable by the attending physician and at least two members of the Advisory Committee.
- III. That essential nursing care would be limited to \$200 per year. If additional care is deemed necessary by the Committee, it is to be considered as a loan-arrangement for repayment to be made by the Committee.

## Amendment to By-Laws

### Article III—Membership

Membership in this guild shall be by any St. Luke's graduate nurse who had paid dues of \$5.00 for current year due March 15th, delinquent April 15th.

Eligibility to this fund shall require residence in Chicago or vicinity unless the fund is sufficient to cover nurses in other localities.

Eligibility of new members to nursing care shall become effective three months after paying membership fee of \$1.00 and yearly dues of \$5.00. The time limit this year has been extended to May 15th.

May we suggest that each member appoint themselves a Committee of one to secure, at least, one new member.

Send dues to Treasurer—

Mrs. Edna Travers  
812 East 49th Street  
Chicago 15, Illinois  
Telephone Oakland 5631

## HERE AND THERE

The Class of 1941 is having a Class Reunion on June 1, 1944. They will have dinner at the Kungsholm. Best wishes for many more reunions. They certainly tend to keep "class spirit" alive.

St. Luke's Hospital woman's board, which will give an open house in the Hospital's new library Monday, had long ago reserved October 11 for its annual fashion show.

The new book room at St. Luke's, decorated in warm tones of pink and brown, has been organized by the Gray Ladies of the Red Cross under the direction of Mrs. Charles Renshaw for the use of the patients. Instead of asking for contributions of old books to fill the shelves, a fund was established to provide the shiny new volumes lining the library walls and to keep them stocked with recent editions. Added features are the small maple carts piled with magazines and books the Gray Ladies will wheel from room to room for patients who cannot get to the library.

We may expect to see the scaffolding go up any day now to start work on three stories of the wing of the Schweppe Nurse's Home.

8,000 more nurses are needed by the Army and Navy by January 1, 1945!

St. Luke's will have an enrollment of about 400 student nurses this next year. The program has been stepped up because of war activities. This number is equal to the enrollment of a small college.

## CADET CORPS

By classes

1944B	16	1946A	33
1945A	17	1946B	45
1945B	43	1947A	78
Total			232



**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1943**

January 18, 1944

Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital  
School of Nursing  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mesdames:

Pursuant to engagement, we have audited the books of account of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, for the year ended December 31, 1943, and have prepared therefrom the hereto attached statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, supported by Schedules of Securities owned by the Association which were confirmed direct to us by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, as custodian for your Association. The securities held in the Safety Deposit Box were not examined by us.

Cash in Bank was verified by reconciliation of the book balances shown as at December 31, 1943, with certificates obtained directly from your depositories.

We traced the cash receipts for the year under review to the bank statements and cash disbursements were duly supported by cancelled checks and vouchers.

The total assets of the Association, except accrued interest, on deposit for the six months ended December 31, 1943, not recorded, are as follows:

**Cash in Banks:**

Treasurer's Account—	
Continental Ill. Bank and Trust Co. ....	\$ 916.86
Savings Account—	
Continental Ill. Bank and Trust Co. ....	16,676.09
Securities at Par Value .....	8,750.00
Securities for Endowed Room at Par Value .....	4,020.55
	\$30,363.50

Yours respectfully,

Evans, Marshall and Peace  
Certified Public Accountants

**TREASURER'S ACCOUNT**

BALANCE, January 1, 1943 ..... \$ 49.00

**RECEIPTS: :**

Dues and Reinstatements .....	\$ 3,649.49	
Transferred from Savings Accounts .....	2,000.00	5,649.47
		\$ 5,698.47

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Dues—First District Illinois State Nurses Association..	\$ 1,685.50
Journals—Alumnae .....	96.00
Week of Free Cave Fund .....	200.00
Sick Benefits .....	100.00
Printing, Stationery, Eupplies, Eet. ....	795.83
Stamps .....	74.30
Refreshments, and Entertaining .....	333.47
Central Council Nursing Education Membership .....	25.00
Building Fund in New Nurses' Residence .....	1,025.00
Program Expense .....	72.29
Telephone .....	10.60
Desk and Desk Pad .....	63.00

Lamp .....	11.00	
Chair .....	9.50	
Three Book Cases .....	35.33	
Bookshelf for Alumnae Room .....	5.00	
Furnishings for Endowed Room .....	7.25	
Purchase of U. S. Defense Bond .....	18.75	
Insurance—Surety Bond .....	5.00	
Auditing .....	20.00	
Expense—Meeting of Delegates at Springfield .....	21.50	
Gift—Florence Olmstead .....	15.00	
Scholarship Award—Harriet Fulmer .....	25.00	
Secretarial Work .....	29.00	
Hospitalization—Miss E. Murray .....	50.00	
Safety Deposit Box at Bank .....	6.00	
Miscellaneous .....	42.29	
		4,781.61
<b>BALANCE, December 31, 1943 .....</b>		<b>\$ 916.86</b>

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT—CUSTODIAN ACCOUNT

**BALANCE, January 1, 1943 .....** \$16,743.90

#### RECEIPTS:

Pledges to Endowed Rooms Fund .....	\$ 425.00	
Interest on Bank Balances .....	199.68	
Repayment of Loans—		
	\$ 60.00	
	100.00	
	33.00	
	60.00	
	40.00	293.00
Income from Investments—		
Chicago City Railway .....	\$ 63.75	
Canadian National Railway .....	50.00	
Commonwealth of Australia .....	50.00	
Mortgage and Real Estate Corp.,		
“A” Liquidation Note .....	49.80	
New York Central Railroad .....	297.50	
United States Defense Bonds .....	125.00	
Albert Pick and Company .....	1.00	637.05
Liquidation Dividends—		
Mortgage and Real Estate Corp.,		
Series “A” Liquidation Notes .....	100.00	
Room Rentals .....	345.30	
Gift from Minnie Wilbur Estate .....	25.00	
Miscellaneous .....	77.00	2,102.03
		\$18,845.93

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Custodian Fee .....	\$ 5.00	
Exchange .....	54	
Transferred to Alumnae Saving A/C .....	160.30	
Transferred to Treasurer's Account .....	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous .....	4.00	2,169.84
<b>BALANCE, December 31, 1943 .....</b>		<b>\$16,676.09</b>



## SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

DECEMBER 31, 1943

HELD BY CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATION  
BANK & TRUST CO. AS CUSTODIAN:

	Date	Due Date	Par Value
Mortgage and Real Estate Corporation, Cumulative Income Notes, 5%, \$2,000, Par, Less 55% paid on principal (Received in ex- change for Chicago Title & Trust Co. Mortgage Bonds) .....	1/1/36	1/1/53	\$ 900.00
Commonwealth of Australia, External Loan, Gold Bonds, 5% .....	9/1/27	9/1/57	1,000.00
Chicago City Railway Company, First Mortgage Gold Bond, 5%, Certificate of Deposit .....	7/1/07	2/1/27	850.00
New York Central Railroad Co., Refunding and Improvement Mortgage, Series "C", 5% .....	10/21/21	10/21/13	1,000.00
			<u>\$3,750.00</u>

## HELD IN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

United States Defense Bonds, Series "G"—			
M 541212 G .....			\$1,000.00
M 541213 G .....			1,000.00
M 541214 G .....			1,000.00
M 541215 G .....			1,000.00
M 541216 G .....			1,000.00
			<u>5,000.00</u>
			<u>\$8,750.00</u>

## SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

HELD BY CONTINENTAL ILL. NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO.  
OF CHICAGO FOR ACCOUNT OF ENDOWED ROOM

DECEMBER 31, 1943

Albert Pick Corporation		Par Value
2-11/100 shores of Cumulative Preferred Stock, Par Value \$5.00 per share .....		\$ 10.55
Cleveland Realty Corporation		
30 shares, No Par Value Stock, received in exchange for Foreman Trust and Savings Bank, as Trustee, first mortgage participating .....		\$3,000.00
Less: Liquidating Dividends, 1938-41 .....	990.00	2,010.00
Canadian National Railway Company		
Guaranteed Gold Bonds, 5%, dated October 1, 1929, due October 1, 1969 .....		1,000.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co.		
Secured Gold Bond, 6%, dated April 21, 1925 due April 1, 1940, in default, both principal and interest .....		1,000.00
		<u>\$4,020.55</u>

## THE MARCH OF TIME

1892

A letter written for **Mrs. J. Self** (Emma Forsythe Dawson) says: "Because of failing health, Mrs. Self has asked me (**Jean E. Dawson**) to write to you expressing her deep regret at not being able to attend your Annual Homecoming Day. It is an intense disappointment to her as she had hoped that she might be able to accept the invitation. She has a very tender spot in her heart for St. Luke's Hospital. I know that her thoughts often dwell on her life there. Mrs. Self wishes me to convey to you her heartiest best wishes for success in your celebration."

1895

**Miss Harriet Fulmer** says people are getting tired of seeing her name in print. I don't know about that because I haven't heard anything about it—but I do know that your Editor personally appreciates the fact that Miss Fulmer is not one to put herself on the shelf. She has my personal thanks for faithfully sending printable articles, without which some of the pages of our last Alumnae, especially, would have been blank. I appreciate Miss Fulmer's modesty, but, for Heaven's sake, don't let it stop the flow of good articles you receive from time to time!

**Lillian Rein** fell on the steps of the Women's Exchange and broke her left wrist on May 26th. We are sorry to hear about the accident and hope that wrist is healing and recovery with normal use of the arm and hand will be complete and soon.

1899

**Miss Adda Eldridge** writes: "I am leaving Pittsburgh for Marquette, Michigan. I am to be with my niece and namesake who is a practicing lawyer—but has a home and housekeeper. I came to Pittsburgh three years ago with my niece, Dr. Dorothy Rood, who is Prof. of P. H. Nursing and head of the Dept. of P.H.N. at the University of Pittsburgh. I had a very serious attack of pneumonia—ten days after we arrived. On my recovery joined the British War Relief, the Red Cross and the Guild of the Church of the Ascension, all meeting at the Guild hall of the Church and immediately across the street. I also transferred to the 6th District of the Pa. State Nurses Ass. and the 6th Dist. League and was

appointed an Associate Professor on the Faculty of the University School of Nursing—in an advisory position. I hoped, even in retirement, to be of some use, but alas after my trip West last Summer, I did not improve and from January on of this year I have been ill more than I have been well—heart attacks and different types of Flu. My last one sent me to the hospital over Easter. I am gaining slowly now but the "help" question made us decide that I couldn't keep on here—being the housekeeper was no longer possible, so I accepted the invitation to Marquette. I am most fortunate in having a very devoted family. I have three grand-nephews in service, two in Italy, one in the classification service in England. That one, Arch Eldridge Cooper and one of the others, Arch B. Eldridge, were born at St. Luke's. Baby socks for the British War Relief and the Red Cross are about all I can do. This is the third war since I entered St. Luke's in the Spanish American War. I took care of returned boys in the St. Charles Ward—typhoid in its worst form. I was inter-state secretary for the A.N.A., the N.L.N.E. and the American Journal of Nursing in the 1st World War and did a lot of recruiting and in this one I am merely trying not to be a casualty myself. I am enclosing a letter from **Katherine Hoffman** who is now in New Guinea. I have heard quite a lot of interest through her mother, **Anita Eddy Hoffman**, Class of 1914, whose address is Niles, Mich, R.R. 3."

1903

**Miss Mabel McClenahan** has been a patient in the Margaret Edith Johnstone Memorial Rooms. We hope she is better and able to resume normal activities.

1904

**Mrs. Edith McCallen Megill** has attended her first Annual Commencement gathering of the Alumnae Association. She loved it and hopes to be able to attend many more as time goes on. Mrs. Megill lives in Baltimore, Md. Her daughter was graduated from the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. Her husband was an officer in the Army and, as an Army wife, she has travelled all over the face of the earth. Since her hus-



band's death two years ago and the growing up of her family, Mrs. Megill has more free time and we may see her occasionally at our Alumnae functions. Wish she were living in Chicago. We would put her to work on a Committee, I am sure!

**Burnett Clark**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clark (Bessie Burnett) passed away recently. The Alumnae extends sincere sympathy.

1909

A letter from **Mrs. Lavena Zipp Wesin** says: "In regard to your request for something of interest concerning my activities, am sorry to have to admit that at present I am again inactive—as far as the practice of nursing goes. Last year I reinstated my Nebraska license and my Alumnae membership and gave my services to the Nebraska University Hospital for several months—serving on general hospital duty.

It was a very interesting "revival" after so many years of no contact with hospital routine. After the first few days, I felt quite "at home" with all requirements and really enjoyed getting back into uniform once again. Having an eighteen year old son now serving in the Navy as Pharmacist Mate, and located so that he is able to come home quite frequently, I feel that I shall have to forego hospital duty until he is transferred. The training these youngsters are given is amazing to me. They really are capable after a few months of intensive training.

Am sorry that I am not in touch with members of my class but will keep the fact in mind that it would be interesting to hear about them through

the Alumnae—and will forward anything of interest which I may learn later."

1915

Word from **Miss Edna Murray** says that she is enjoying the Spring in Ripon, Wisconsin.

1917

**Mrs. Thomas B. McClelland** (Florence Blodgett) writes: "I wish I could be with you for St. Luke's very interesting Commencement program, but it would take more fighting courage than I have to try to travel north from Miami while trains are so terribly crowded and unpleasant. Pandanis bags have hit Miami like an epidemic of measles. Pandanis trees provide the material for the bags. I learned the tricks in a "tropical handicrafts" class. The real work comes in preparing the leaves. They have three rows of vicious tiny spines—both edges and down the midrib. They must be cut off, and a few dug out of one's fingers. Then the leaves are soaked, ironed with a hot iron till dry and the wax finish comes out. Then they are cut to measure, soaked again, then woven. It is a lot of fun and I have neglected my housework shamefully for the past two months while making bags. This is my tenth one. It is a free-for-all to find zippers, linings and even cartons and scraps from the Venetian blind shops which are used to stiffen the bags. Amazing how many things are hard to find these days. The grocery stores are completely out of paper bags this week-end and unless you have saved your old one, you better take a newspaper along with you to the markets. I hope that Commencement will be a very happy time at St. Luke's."

At the last meeting of the Alumnae Board of Directors, it was voted that an increase of \$1.00 be added to all dues to help cover operating expenses. At present, with the higher cost of printing and materials in every line of work, the Alumnae is not paying its own expenses. This matter will come up for discussion at the next general Alumnae Meeting. Come out and discuss it with us, and help us decide whether or not it is the best

course to take. This increase would be effective January 1, 1945.

Beginning with the Fall edition of the Alumnae, there will appear items collected by an anonymous Roving Reporter. Her name will be kept anonymous and we shall hope for many interesting tidbits. Thanks to the responses and the news items sent in for this copy of the Alumnae, the last until October.—Editor.

1920

Word form **Miss Sara Ellen Clark** of Hammond, Indiana, says she has had pneumonia and is just out of the hospital. We hope you have fully recovered by this time, Miss Clark.

1922

We are happy to announce that **Ethelyn M. Peterson** was promoted to the rank of Captain on the 28th of April. Congratulations Capt. Peterson!

1923

**Mrs. Hazel Constine Harris'** husband passed away recently following an accident in California. He was returning to duty after a furlough, the first one in two years and suffered severe injuries, resulting in his immediate death. The Alumnae extends deepest sympathy to you, Mrs. Hazel C. Harris.

1924

**Avis Van Lew** recently visited Chicago. She is working at the Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La.

1925

A letter from **Eda Stensland** says: "It was good to hear from Chicago. We all need prodding, it seems, for I, too, scan the Alumnae for news of classmates but seldom find any of the '25s—so they, as well as myself, are remiss. Everyone is so busy with important work that letter writing gets pushed aside till "tomorrow", I guess. I wish I could say that I am doing important work. I'd give a lot to be in Chicago and busy at dear St. Luke's—but the combination of ulcer and Flu (1944 variety) was rather vicious. So here I am, against my own wishes, making the best of it. Being a patient grows very boring and I almost feel guilty in not being able to do my bit in the nursing field. My interests here? Not very many. Towns, like people, change as the years roll by and old friends are scattered as well as family and it scarcely seems like the "old home town" of by-gone days. I miss the family most. After spending January and part of February in our local hospital when I had the Flu, I really got acquainted with most of the personnel and would like to work up there when my Doctor gives his permission. They have a very fine, well-run, up-to-date hospital. The directress is well acquainted with Mrs. Crocker and had attended the 50th Anniversary

Tea of the N.L.N.E. at Schweppe Residence last June, she told me. After that I felt quite at home at Luther. Everyone was so solicitous and kind. Before I left I had an opportunity to see their almost new O.B. Department and was delighted to see almost an identical replica of our own St. Luke's nursery. They had visited many modern and up-to-date hospitals in Chicago and elsewhere before rebuilding their department because they wanted it to be the very best, and they chose **ours!** The "prep" room, though, is the gem of all with showers, lavatory and everything—truly the answer to any nurse's prayer. Where has **Miss Dilge** gone? It must seem strange without her and **Maud Gooch**. Congratulations to **Nancy Allen** and best wishes to her in her new job."

1928

**Caroline Stewart**, A.N.C., has been promoted to First Lieutenant. Congratulations! She is now stationed at Ft. Devens, Mass. and is with the 27th Evacuation Hospital.

**Mrs. Bertha Groen Van Waters** writes: "I regret that I will not be able to attend the Annual Homecoming Day. I would appreciate having my greeting extended to my classmates and any others who remember me. My husband is a personal consultant in the Army and fortunately stationed near home. We are expecting our first baby about June 6. After many years of being childless, it seems like a miracle. Again, my best wishes to my friends."

1929

**Lt. Eleanore Turnbull Pohler** and her Major husband visited briefly in Chicago. One of her dearest friends and former apartment-sharer almost disrupted the domestic tranquility of the Pohler homestead when she referred to the couple as the "Major and the Minor". Now Major Pohler pulls his rank on Eleanore and wins out—maybe! **Alice Sanderson** says all 128 pounds of Eleanore "looks good".

1931

**1st Lt. Irene Tilton** writes from her new post at Wm. Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas: "I am assigned as supervisor of the Med. and N.P. Sections here. Have only been here four days and had ten days' leave en route. Spent it in Dallas and had a



grand time. I became engaged to Ensign R. E. Halden, U.S.N.R. while on leave. That brings the Army and the Navy closer together, don't you think? Bet St. Luke's isn't the same without Miss Gooch. **Erma Mathis** was transferred to Bruns just before I left. Best wishes."

**Dallas Graham Baynton** was recently promoted to the rank of Captain—along with three other nurses in her Unit. Her letter did not mention whether the other nurses were St. Luke's graduates. We hope so and offer sincere congratulations to all four of them!

**Lt. Elsie Hoin** visited Chicago recently. She is stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

**Mrs. D. B. Knowles** (Thelma Thomas) and her two children are visiting her family in Lake Charles, La. Capt. Knowles is overseas.

**Miss Myrtle Anderson** recently suffered a "crick" in the base of her spine. We are glad to say she is better now and could reach the floor without bending her knees if her arms were longer—not because of any soreness in her spine.

#### 1931

A letter from **Gertrude Seipman Bradshaw** says: "I have been in Charleston for almost three months now after spending three months in New Orleans. My husband is with a Hospital Ship Complement at the Port of Embarkation and I am working as a secretary at the Station Hospital. Am working for the psychiatrist and enjoy it very much. Seems as if I were in the Army again as it is the same routine and setup we had at Ft. Ord.

Dr. Holecek, who was an interne at St. Luke's in about 1934, is a Captain at this Hospital. He is the first St. Luke's doctor I have run across in our extensive travels over these United States. It is good to see an old acquaintance. We hope to be in Chicago in June on leave and if it is at all possible, we will visit St. Luke's."

#### 1932

A letter from **Ensign May K. Lee** says: "My Alumnae arrived yesterday and comes second only to a letter from home. There are three "St. Lukers" in

our group of 47—**Misses Tempero, Knox** and myself. Ruth T. and I, being classmates, have many laughs over our student days. A big help—believe me! I can't tell you where we are, but think we have the best Island of them all out here. Our quarters were tents for a while, but now have very comfortable rooms and many conveniences of home. Our social life is limited only to places to go—not men. I have seen a good many people I know and that is a treat to be sure. I am doing duty in the Psychiatric ward, which is a busy one and never a dull moment. How I wish I could plan on being at the Alumnae Banquet this June. Never like to miss any. Have no alternative this year. I shall be glad when this is all over and we can resume our own lives again. Give my best to all the girls. We think and talk of you all so often."

**Miss Nan Maloney** and Lt. Walter Bittman (D.D.S. St. Luke's) now in the Navy were married Saturday May 5. Lt. Bittman has just returned from two years overseas and is to be stationed at Great Lakes. Only the best to Lt. and Mrs. Walter Bittman!

**Viola Heikkinen Goode**, who has been in Chicago for several months, has moved to Del Monte, Cal., to be with her husband now stationed there.

#### 1932

**Capt. Elizabeth Breitung** writes: "We have moved about very much and have been in many places. We are now settled in our own hospital and love it. W'd like anything after a session in the staging areas—3 weeks on one side of the ocean and 2 weeks on this side. We are in the most beautiful site—green countryside and woods full of flowers all around us. Our wards are ill in Nissen huts—surgery is the only steam-heated building—and not a bad set-up. I'm O.R. supervisor—am so glad to be allowed to stay in Surgery instead of going into the C.N.O. We live in huts—there are five in ours—and we surely have a wild time. Either the fire is going out—the coal bucket is empty—or somebody upsets the water pail for fire. We all have flower gardens around our huts and the primroses are in full bloom—the holly hedges and hawthorne are lovely. We all have bought bicycles—the Eng-



lish kind with brakes on the handlebars. The bicycle stops but you don't. We're near a large, picturesque city and the people are lovely to us. Had a grand reception given us by the Lord Mayor last night—a dance. I'm slowly learning the English folk dances.

We certainly are learning to improvise. When you open a pan set you never know whether you will find a cold cream jar or a pottery vase—but it sure is fun. We build our own desks and cabinets out of packing boxes. We have a grand Unit—nurses and doctors. Today has been a busy one — 3 official inspectors making rounds — our Px opens officially — it's payday — and my new bike arrived. Love to all."

1933

**2nd Lt. Adeline Kroncke, A.N.C.**, is stationed at Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga. She says it is very beautiful there at this time of year. She spent a day in Chicago recently but only between transferring from Truax to Georgia.

1933

We have news that **Lillian Olson** is now a First Lieutenant. Congratulations on your promotion, Lt. Olson.

1934

On Easter Sunday **Madge Ellis** was promoted from Ensign to Lt. (j.g.). Congratulations! Lt. Ellis was Operating Room Supervisor at the Bradford Hospital. She was recently cited for her exceptional work following the explosion at the Norfolk Ammunition Plant last fall. The news is that she ran five operating rooms steadily for twenty-four hours. Madge is a modest soul—and we are proud that she belongs to the great family of St. Luke's!

1935

**Mrs. Neal H. Hull** (Mary Summerhayes) writes that she has been doing a little volunteer nursing in Inglewood, California. Would love to be in the Army Nurse Corps but has a daughter—so that's out. Hopes to get back to "Chi" someday and see all her friends. "Good luck to all".

1938

A letter from **Lt. B. A. Elsik Fentiman** to **Eunice Hawke Levander** is

shared with us as follows: "I'm here in a beautiful hospital in Africa which reminds me of the States with its cleanliness and equipment. My room is a little paradise and I keep it full of flowers. I see my husband almost every day, and we are very happy again and spend every minute we can together. Please send my regards to everyone."

**Ens. Eunice Davis** writes: "I greatly enjoy the Alumnae News and I do think of all my friends often and am happy to know what they all are doing. My station has been changed to Pensacola. I arrived here the first part of March. This is a lovely station and very large. They call it the Anapolis of the Air. We haven't many patients, though, for the size of the base. Our census now is about 800. We have 93 nurses here. There are many girls here who trained in the South and some in the East. I'm the only St. Luke's nurse here. Most of our doctors are Commanders and most of them have had foreign service. The hospital is located right on the bay and patients who are able to be up and about can go down to the lovely beach and get plenty of sun. Many of our corpsman are just back from foreign service and they don't tell very pretty stories about what they have been through.

Pensacola is a pretty little town but, like most places these days, over crowded with Army and Navy personnel until it isn't much joy to go in there. There are many sports on the base, such as tennis, golf, swimming, both at the beach and a nice indoor pool, horseback riding and bowling. We also have movies most every night in the week. About two weeks ago Rubinoff came with his violin and played for the patients, doctors, nurses and corpsman at the hospital. He was wonderful and even went "boogie-woogie" on "Pistol Packin' Mamma" which the boys thought was swell.

At present I am working in Sick Officers Quarters and we get the boys from the plane crashes. It is wonderful to see how most of them get well when you think they never will. Most of the boys are very cheerful through it all. I'm always so happy to hear about any of my St. Luke's friends and I read both the Alumnae and the News from cover to cover. Remember me to any of my friends you happen to see."



1939

**Lt. Dora R. Porterfield**, A.N.C., writes: "I am somewhere in New Guinea with the rain and mud, bugs included. We have lovely quarters—a a thatched roof building with separate rooms—walls of bamboo. The scenery is beautiful and really jungle! For our own protection there are numerous restrictions—our escorts must at all times be armed! A weekly dance with a good orchestra is held at our Officers' Club every Saturday night. Besides the Club, there are outdoor movies. Rather amusing to sit on a log and get drenched by a sudden down-pour of rain. This being the rainy season, we have rain all night long. Very often six inches of rain, enough to wash out a few bridges. We don't see many natives as they are further up in the jungles. We are rather fortunate in just working eight hours a day in this heat. We wear cotton kaki trousers, Safari jacket and G.I. shoes at all times. Dresses and uniforms are a thing of the past—in Australia they are stored in moth balls for the duration. Am very proud of the fact that I came from St. Luke's in Chicago because I don't have to explain where it is."

1940

**Marie Edson**, 1st Lt., A.N.C., writes from Somewhere in Italy that she is working at the 12th General Hospital at present with **A. Harrington** and **Capt. Plambeck**. "As you probably know, **Dal Baynton** is a Captain now. This is very lovely country and hope to see many historic spots. Have seen a few already. My regards to all the St. Luke's girls."

**2nd Lt. Dorothy Giles** stopped off in Chicago on her way to her new post, 214 Medical Hospital Ship at Camp Anza, Arlington, Cal.

**Lt. Virginia Bugbee**, now in Naples, reports that for the first time in almost eighteen months she has enjoyed an honest-to-goodness tub bath.

**Lt. Ann J. Tapping** writes from jolly England that her constitution was never built to bathe in a helmet. Her Easter outfit consisted of long fuzzy G. I. underwear, shirt, pants, helmet and high top boots. "Tap", at the present time, is situated in a camp not far from one of the largest cities. She has been aboard a B24 several times

and once even sat at the controls—only once though, she says.

From Sunny California, **Ensign Mary Freesh** writes that she's been stationed in Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego. It might be war time, but Mary said she would never know—for she has been assigned to the O.B. Floor!

**Jean Cahill** is spending a week with **Mary Weituk Chappell** in Norfolk, Va. "Tuk's" husband is a Lt. j.g. and they live in an adorable little house complete with a sun porch and victory garden.

Note: The question: "Wonder what has become of **Louise Woods Hanson**, **Alice Finch Drueck**, **Peggy Saxe**, **Teddy Larson Fischer** and **Ruth Ubler**" comes to your editor. Please write in so your classmates may have a bit of news of your whereabouts and interests these days.

1940

A letter from **Winifred Holtkamp Cress** says: "My husband was scheduled to start a residency at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital on January 28th and we came East at that time. From early February to mid-April, I did private duty nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital and the various hospitals connected with Lahey Clinic. Retirement from active duty was indicated out of consideration for Charles Henry the 3rd, due in June. Although adjustment to Boston hospitals was easy, a few minor variations in terminology and methods added an unusual touch to my day. In Massachusetts General, I had to learn to say Apothecary instead of Pharmacy or Drug Room. In all hospitals flaxseed poultices were practically a routine procedure. Throughout my nursing career I had never seen one given and could vaguely remember that the "out-dated" procedure commanded a paragraph in our Nursing Acts Procedure Book. The city itself has proved fascinating to explore. In certain sections of the city there are narrow winding streets with brick sidewalks and gas lamps. Of course, historical sites are abundant in "little London". April 19th was Patriots' Day and all loyal Bostonians commemorated Paul Revere's ride and the hanging of the lantern in Old North Church. Perhaps the most striking thing about Boston is the tremendous concentration of educational and cultural institutions. Within a ten



minute walking radius from our apartment are at least fifty buildings in this category. Some of these are Harvard Medical School, Tufts Medical College, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston Opera House, Symphony Hall, Boston University, ad infinitum. My chief delight is that I have been able to keep up an active interest in Psychiatry. Boston Psychopathic Hospital is Harvard's Clinical Unit and many famous men make their contributions there. Needless to say, I appear at any and all meetings possible. Soft drinks are called "tonics" in New England. On several occasions I have indulged in real baked beans and tea crumpets. I have enjoyed this introduction to the Atlantic seaboard flavor."

A note from **Eunice Davis** tells us that a brother of **Dorothy Willits**, fell in action recently. Dorothy went with the Northwetsern Unit to North Africa where she was able to see her brother twice, and when they went to Italy, she saw him twice and just shortly before he was killed in action. The Alumnae extends deepest sympathy to Dorothy Willits and the family in the death of her brother.

#### 1941

**Patricia Greene** is now living at home and is working as Medical Supervisor at the Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan, Illinois. Formerly, Miss Greene was Head Nurse on "D" Floor at St. Luke's Hospital.

**Margaret Davis** and Dr. Mason S. Maynard were married on February 9, 1944, at the home of her parents in Evanston, Illinois. The young couple will be at home in Rochester, Minn. Best wishes and hearty congratulations!

#### 1942

A letter from **Lt. Katherine Jane Hoffman** in New Guinea to her Aunt Adda Eldredge is shared with us. She writes: "I've been on the go ever since I've been in the Army. After my month's basic training period at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, we joined the rest of the Unit at Fort Bliss, Texas for more training—bivouacs, G. I. classes and lectures, etc. We left California for overseas sometime ago and I've been in New Guinea just a short time. My voyage here was a pleasant and uneventful one. We slept twelve in a cabin. I had the middle bunk with a

porthole. The meals were very delicious and I didn't get seasick. I attended Church services daily and we had abandon ship drills daily. Our entertainment consisted of reading books from the ship's library, listening to phonograph recordings and playing cards with the officers.

When we arrived here we were debarked in amphibious jeeps. Our camp is situated in a coconut grove. We have electric lights and showers. We're used to mud, rain and leaky tents, but conditions are quite good here. Days are hot but the evenings are cool. It rains at least once a day except during the rainy season when it pours incessantly. Your shoes mould and your clothes don't dry. We have such malaria precautions as sleeping under mosquito netting and taking Atabrine daily. We'll all be yellowish looking when we get back home. Skirts are out in the South Pacific area. In the daytime we wear green fatigue suits and in the evening sun tan shirt and trousers or white tailored shirt and overseas cap or a jeep hat. Transportation is a problem here and we usually go out in jeeps or trucks. The roads are fair but jeeps can ford streams, etc. The Fuzzy Wuzzies, Natives here, speak some English although they're quite primitive.

Easter Sunday I attended sunrise services (our picture and the whole service was taken for the newsreel) and afterwards went on a picnic to a neighboring island, swimming and boating. No swimming is allowed after sundown because of the danger of sharks."

#### 1942

A letter from Honolulu from **Ann Lipinski Hutchinson** says: "I have not done any nursing since October, 1942 because we are busy raising a family. We have a darling daughter named Judith, almost fourteen months old, and expect our second baby any day now. Our life seems so far removed from that fateful December 7, 1941! You may be sure we all rushed back on duty regardless of our week-end leaves and I helped with civilian surgical casualties for the next ten hours. Then we were overwhelmed with work taking blood from 500 donors who responded to urgent appeals via radio. I remember how jittery we were and how little sleep there was the first night. Everybody kept a bag packed with barest essentials to tide us over



in case of an evacuation were imminent. Everybody in the community redoubled his efforts in contributing extra hours of work in all fields—hospital, Red Cross, civilian defense, etc. We were quite apprehensive until the favorable results of the battle of Mid-Way. Meanwhile supplies, planes, troops, guns and ammunition were brought in as fast as ships could come and go. Although we were drastically unprepared prior to December 7 (I mean the Island defenses and the Army and Navy hospital facilities) now the islands represent a strong fortress bristling with plenty of anti-aircraft defense and long range guns and many, many other military installations. Yes, with things progressing in our favor in the South Pacific, life seems tranquility itself on the islands but we feel nearer, than our folks at home, to this war zone. It is a horrible and devastating war we are engaged in and we have first-hand reports as we get the stories from men who have taken active part in the Tarawa battle,

Gilbert, Marshalls and many others.

We have been fortunate to welcome to our home and entertain friends of my husband, mostly fraternity brothers from the University of Chicago, and at least half a dozen St. Luke's nurses. We feel honored to be able to have our friends come in, especially since we are part of the civilian effort. Unfortunately, my husband is classified as 4-F because he is under constant medical treatment for an active duodenal ulcer. His family lives in Winnetka, Ill. If any of my classmates or friends are from there, we would appreciate it if they dropped in on the senior Hutchinsons at 1028 Cherry Street. The Alumnae News is extremely appreciated and if there is an extra charge to be covered for overseas mailing, I will be glad to forward the amount.

Please extend my greetings and salutations to classmates and friends at St. Luke's. Though I think of them often, I realize my delinquency in writing individually, but truly, we are busy. Aloha nui loa to all."

## The St. Luke's Alumnae at Buckley Field, Colo.

A bit of news from the beautiful Rocky Mountain region, and those of us who remain at Buckley Field.

Our Chief Nurse is Captain Ethelyn M. Peterson, a graduate of the Class of 1922. Other members, all of whom are second lieutenants, are Winifred M. McGee ('28), Eleanore Turnbull Pohlner ('29), Florence M. Gerdes ('36), Irene A. Bleifuss ('38), Naomi L. Swem ('38), Betty J. Barnard ('40), Ruth Wise Zadra ('41), Marion I. Jones ('42) and Leonore E. Mattson ('42).

Alumnae who have been transferred from Buckley to other assignments are A. Roberta Lawsha to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, Anne Ruga and Charlotte E. Larson to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Adeline H. Kroncke, last heard from at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and M. June Kurtz and Mar-

garet B. Tocque, both of whom are overseas. Lucille M. Hopfensperger is Mrs. R. W. Cooper, has been honorably discharged from the Army Nurse Corps and resides at 3123 Aintree Lane, Los Angeles, California.

Probably it would be interesting to the members to know the St. Luke's doctors still stationed at Buckley. On temporary duty elsewhere at the present are Lt. Col. John I. Brewer at Flight School, Randolph Field, Texas, and Major Chester Coggeshall at Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. On duty here at Lt. Col. Percy J. Ross, Majors Leslie R. Grams and William L. Waskow, Captains Willis G. Dittenbaugh, John I. Case, Stephen C. Scott, Claude R. Snead and Francis E. Sarver. Capt. Clarence A. Fleischli was recently transferred here from Amarillo, Texas, and Capt. Allen G. Doner is with the Dental Corps.

We'd like to tell you our average number of patients, types of cases, the size of our Nursing staff, and how our Nursing activities are scheduled and rotated. But these are more or less "military secrets", so we'll save that for after the six months after the Duration. However, our social activities can be revealed, and are interesting. We have comfortable quarters connected with each other and with the hospital by covered ramps, eliminating the necessity of going outdoors in inclement weather, of which we do have some (Colorado doesn't need a Chamber of Commerce!). Our Recreation Hall was recently refurnished, and the donation of a piano by a thoughtful Denver citizen has added to the pleasure of relaxation. A new sun-deck is in the process of construction, and appropriate furniture is ready for use. A night for Nurses is set aside at the Post Bowling Alleys, and there is a weekly concert by our Post Symphonic Band, which is unusually excellent. This Band honored the Buckley Field Nurses by dedicating their concert of May 9th to our members. There are Chapels easily accessible, and a theatre with the latest movies and an occasional USO show.

Most of us receive the Alumnae

Journal regularly, as well as the St. Luke's News, and this touch with "home" is always interesting and refreshing. Through these mediums we also manage to keep informed of the whereabouts of our old friends and associates in the Armed Forces, and who seem to be widely-scattered over the world. Our loyalty is impressive to the extent that our Assistant Chief Nurse, 1st Lt. Jimmy J. Young, even though a Texas belle, eagerly appropriates the first Journal she sees each month, and claims it for her own to read all about "her friends".

We have all received invitations to the Graduation festivities for the coming week, and send our best wishes to the Class of the Year, as well as greetings to all the Alumnae.

Perhaps in the not too-distant future, we may join you for a Reunion, and an old-fashioned visit. But for the present, there's a job to be done, and we are trying persistently to be helpful toward attaining the goal of a Universal and lasting Peace.

Lt. Eleanore Turnbull Pohler,  
CNO—Section E  
3702d A A F Base Unit  
Buckley Field, Colorado.  
Secretary and Historian

## Lines For Flag Day

When bright and fair the God of Day  
sits high  
And all the sky is that one matchless  
hue  
Does it not thrill the soul and fill the  
eye  
To see the Stars and Stripes against  
the blue? ?

Defame it not! It stands for Truth  
and Right.  
It shelters all the lawn that shelters  
you.  
Declare with me there is no finer sight  
Than that out-streaming flag against  
the blue.

Written by Minnie Wilbur.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. and Mrs. Pierce Theobald  
(Alice Brice—1941) Baby girl  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig  
(Mary Heisler—1934) Baby boy  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Theodore Semmer, Boy. (Miriam Baxter)

Letters from Miss Madeleine McConnell and Mr. A. Watson Armour have been received thanking the St. Luke's Alumnae Association for gifts of \$5.00 each for the Building Fund in memory of Miss Virginia Williams and Mrs. Beatrice Wagner. A gift of \$5.00 has also been sent in to the Building Fund in memory of Miss Alice Gags and Miss Ida M. Stowell.



## COMMENCEMENT

It is always a thrill to attend Commencement Week activities. The Homecoming Tea was the usual interesting event it is every year—renewing old friendships and visiting with old friends and classmates. The short program was good. A trio of student nurses sang for songs. Miss McConnell told how the hospital seemed to be doing “more and more with less and less”—more patients and operations and less nurses. Mrs. Gordon Laing substituted for Mrs. Frank P. Hixon, Chairman of the Nursing Council Committee and spoke about “Future Plans Built on Past Accomplishments.” Special tribute was paid to the Alumnae in general for upholding the fine standards that St. Luke’s has always stood for—and special praise was given the private duty nurses, upon whom the entire hospital has to lean upon so heavily to help in the ever increasing job during war time of keeping the seriously ill and newly operative patients under constant care. The presentation of the Banner always recalls the time our own individual classes moved on to “out-going” students—and reminded us that we now are just another year old in the growing group of “old grads”. The Class of 1944 presented to the Hospital through Miss McConnell a beautiful Madiera tablecloth. Mary Everett and Myrtle Anderson “poured” and the Schweppe Residence was a glorious setting for the occasion.

Graduation services at St. James Church always brings a “lump” into the throats of all of us who have been graduated. I know one Chicago Swede who always cries when she sees the banner coming down the aisle and I know she wouldn’t miss one of them for anything in the world. Out of a class of 81, 66 nurses were present and the others already are in active duty all over the country. Miss Effie Jane Taylor, B.S., M.A., Dean of the School of Nursing, Yale University, likened the graduating class to a new ship—ready to be launched, and closed her talk with the prayer that these new nurses would not seek tasks to meet their strength but rather would pray for power and strength to meet the tasks they might be called upon to face and overcome. With the Recessional, we realized that another

graduation had gone down in history—the 57th class from St. Luke’s—in a trailing blaze of glory, leaving a well-lighted path for on-coming classes to follow:

Following are the award winners of the 1944 class:

Angelea Jean Del Vecchio—

The Chas. H. Schweppe Memorial Award. Outstanding nurse in psychiatric nursing.

Bernice Marguerite Carlson—

The Mrs. John W. Gary Award. Outstanding nurse in obstetrical nursing.

Mildred Geneva Conver—

The Mrs. Chas. H. Morse Award. Outstanding “all around” nurse.

Eugenia H. Wysatt—

The Anonymous Award. Outstanding nurse in “beside nursing”.

Shirley Jean Nelson—

The Harriet Fulmer Award. Highest scholastic standing.

Jean Armstrong—

The Woman’s Board of St. Luke’s Hospital Award. Outstanding pediatric nurse.

Ruth Anne McCrimmon—

The Woman’s Board of St. Luke’s Hospital Award. Outstanding nurse in operating room.

There were many “runners-up” for honorable mention for each of the awards. Congratulations to all of them. We hope the 1944 Class will join the Alumnae Association 100 per cent strong and be a part of the great power an organization like St. Luke’s will be and should be in the field of nursing.

The Alumnae Buffet Supper closed the week’s activities and, judging from the success of this one function alone, the entire week was one to be long remembered and spoken of in capital letters. The 1919 Class had its 25th Anniversary and presented to the Hospital through Miss McConnell and the President of the graduating class a beautiful Sterling Silver salad bowl and servers. The Alumnae gave Miss McConnell a check for \$1,000.00 as another payment on the \$5,000.00 pledge

toward the Building Fund for the new Schweppe Nurses' Home. Miss Margaret Wyne, Class 1919, who knows from personal and first-hand experience what it means to be interned in a prison camp, spoke briefly to the new graduates and the Alumnae. As far as I could gather, the different classes were represented as follows:

Class			
1895	1	1927	2
1899	1	1928	4
1903	2	1929	3
1904	1	1930	7
1905	1	1931	2
1910	2	1932	5
1913	3	1933	3
1914	1	1934	4
1917	3	1935	1
1918	3	1936	1
1919	21	1937	6
1920	6	1939	3
1921	5	1940	1
1922	5	1941	3
1924	2	1943	1
1925	2	1944	17
1926	1		

This wasn't too bad a showing when one figures that there are about 150 nurses in active service, although a good number should and could have been there, I am sure and would have been there had they known what a lovely time we all had.

All the floral decoration—arrangements—programs—eats and service were well done. We wish we could thank all of you personally for your work and cooperation and success. Georgianna Kelly deserves special thanks for her supervision and work over and above the heavy demands upon her time and energy required in the operating room. Suffice it to say that we all appreciate the work each of you had to do in order to make this week the success it was—and accept our thanks here for a beautiful job well done!

Recalling talks by Mr. Lyons and Miss McConnell during Commencement Week on the great strides St. Luke's has made these past years, and seeing evidence of such progress all around us in the changes in the hospital and in the beautiful nurses' home let us not forget our humble beginning. The first edifice named "St. Luke's" was but a hovel compared with the edifice as it stands today—but that hovel was beautiful and successful be-

cause those pioneers of long ago founded it on faith in God and a Christian love for the unfortunate. They had vision and "grew in Grace" in the noble work of relieving the sick and unfortunate of the community. As we increase our program, as we build bigger buildings and more beautiful homes for nurses, as we bring our curriculum up to the very highest standards on earth, may we know success in the fullest, yes, but may we never grow too learned, too powerful nor too encompassed with massive, beautiful buildings to remember that ours is a service of mercy, a "calling" from God; that first and foremost we are responsible to Him to continue to uphold His teachings as we humbly serve and, in His Name, follow the steps of that Great Physician—the Foundation of all works of healing of body, mind and soul!

St. Luke's will hold Induction Services on the afternoon of June 9th at half past three in St. Luke's Chapel—Grace Episcopal Church. Members of the Alumnae Association are cordially invited.

Miss Wilma Stevens, our educational director on leave of absence in Washington, D.C., as assistant to Miss Lucile Petry, Director, U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, returns September 1. Miss Ruth Sackett resigned March 15 to marry Mr. William Zinke of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Miss Irene Stolp again became acting supervisor and instructor of obstetrical nursing January 1. Miss Mary Enright joins our faculty May 1 as obstetrical supervisor. Miss Stolp will return to the Out Patient Department May 15. Miss Enright has had a rich experience in obstetrics and for the past six years has been afternoon and evening supervisor at Chicago Lying-In Hospital. We also hope to have a well qualified instructor in the operating rooms by May first who will be able to relieve Miss Ante of much of the practical instruction in operating room technique. Due to the accelerated program it is necessary to send student nurses early to the operating room. This has put an additional burden upon our depleted staff. From January 1 to April 1 there were 300 more major operations performed than during the same months of the previous year.

Miss Ida Gindele, former head nurse



on B floor replaces Miss Sackett as far as responsibilities for Smith Building are concerned. Miss Stella Konecko, formerly associate student health director becomes student health director. Miss Maud Gooch, night supervisor, resigned January 1 after 27 years of service. Miss Lulu Dilge resigns May 1 after 26 years of service as assistant night supervisor. Miss Gooch has been replaced by Mrs. Helen Rutherford who has had wide nursing experience with the Visiting Nurse Association, as head nurse at St. Luke's and as relief night supervisor. Miss Nancy Allen, an excellent private duty nurse, replaces Miss Dilge. Two new positions have been added, that of relief night supervisor and of evening head nurse in obstetrics—the first filled by Miss Dellabelle Herbert, the second by Mrs. Suzanne Hodges.

Three sisters, Miss Margaret Beta, class of '35, Miss Arline, class of '37, and Miss Frances, class of '43, sent a check for \$25.00 in recognition of a "god nursing education." The first is married, the second has been doing public health nursing in the south and has just joined the Army; the third is head nurse in our operating rooms.

Miss McConnell turned over to the Nursing Council a fund of \$276.14 contributed by nurses, students, doctors and members of the administrative staff in memory of her mother, Ella M. McConnell. This fund to be used

toward the tiling of the Schweppe House roof.

The responsibility for the nursing care of our patients—516 today—rests now with the faculty 29, head nurses 31, and general staff of 57, plus 3 private duty nurses assisting on the general staff. Main 12 was opened on March 20 as a women's medical ward, staffed by Miss Jeannette Lundberg as head nurse, three assistants who are graduate nurses, and young students. Of the 516 patients, the following are receiving private duty care:

43 patients receiving private nursing care

17 patients have a nurse on one shift only

16 patients have nurses on two shifts

10 patients have nurses on three shifts

76 private duty nurses on duty

73 are registered nurses

3 are registered male nurses

1 is a practical nurse

3 private duty nurses are doing nursing—that is, caring for two patients

We have 55 auxiliary workers and 6 Red Cross volunteers. The senior students under supervision are taking places formerly filled by graduate staff members. Over 160 of our graduates are serving with the armed forces, 8 of whom are chief nurses.

## To All Alumnae Members

Soon it will be time to appoint new officers to the Alumnae Association duties. The Nominating Committee has the job of finding nominees and it is quite a hard job to interview each member individually to find out whether or not she will have her name put up for the ballot. I know, in talking to some of you at the different meetings and functions lately, that many of you would be glad to accept an office or serve on a committee, so will you please write, telephone or see Miss Alice Sanderson and tell her that you have time to help with the Alumnae

work and that you will be glad to be listed as "available" for ballot time? Many of you may not have time to serve in a nursing capacity—or to give definite hours to nursing work—but do have the time to serve with the Alumnae. We do not definitely know who you are—but will expect you to let us know who you are. I, for one, can assure you that the work is very interesting and you will renew contacts that will give you a feeling of responsibility to your Alumnae and your School.

## In Memoriam

**Alice Muriel Gaggs**—Class of 1897—died at her home in Louisville, Kentucky, after a short illness. Miss Gaggs had devoted her nursing career entirely to the executive department of Schools of Nursing. She took part in the community life of Louisville and was much respected by the nursing organization of the State of Kentucky. She served as Supt. of Nurses of the Norton Memorial Infirmary for twenty-five years.

The Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing extends sympathy to her family and friends.

**Virginia Williams**—Class of 1893—died at her home in Long Beach, California, on March 31, 1944. She was a native of Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin. She entered St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and after graduating, became private secretary for Dr. Thomas Watkins, the noted surgeon on St. Luke's Staff, whom she served for many years. Miss Williams' charming and gracious personality was an asset in her nursing career. Her death from a long and severe illness was not unexpected. She made many friends for St. Luke's and her co-workers remember her with gratitude, for the high standards she maintained.

St. Luke's Hospital School of Nurs-

ing Alumnae extends sympathy to her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Terwilliger of Long Beach.

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In the passing of **Beatrice Barter Wagner**, St. Luke's Alumnae Association has lost one of its outstanding and unique characters. She had many gifts, but the one which brought her distinction in her early years was her skill in bedside nursing. As a young nurse, she developed a special technic in the care of the bed patient. Her co-workers in the Class of 1895 were very proud of her ability. Early in her training course, she contracted small pox, and was quite ill for some time. She had a mass of beautiful golden hair, which was lost during this illness. She was always interested in the Alumnae Association and the younger nurses who cared for her in St. Luke's during her last illness were amazed over her enthusiasm. Mrs. Wagner, Miss Sutcliffe and Miss Fulmer were named by a patient "The Shetland Ponies." They all had long fair hair and were the same height. They were close friends for more than forty years and are still remembered by the Hibbard Ward patients.

The Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing extends sympathy to her sister Annie, her only surviving relative.



## PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES

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The President is Ex-Officio member of all Committees

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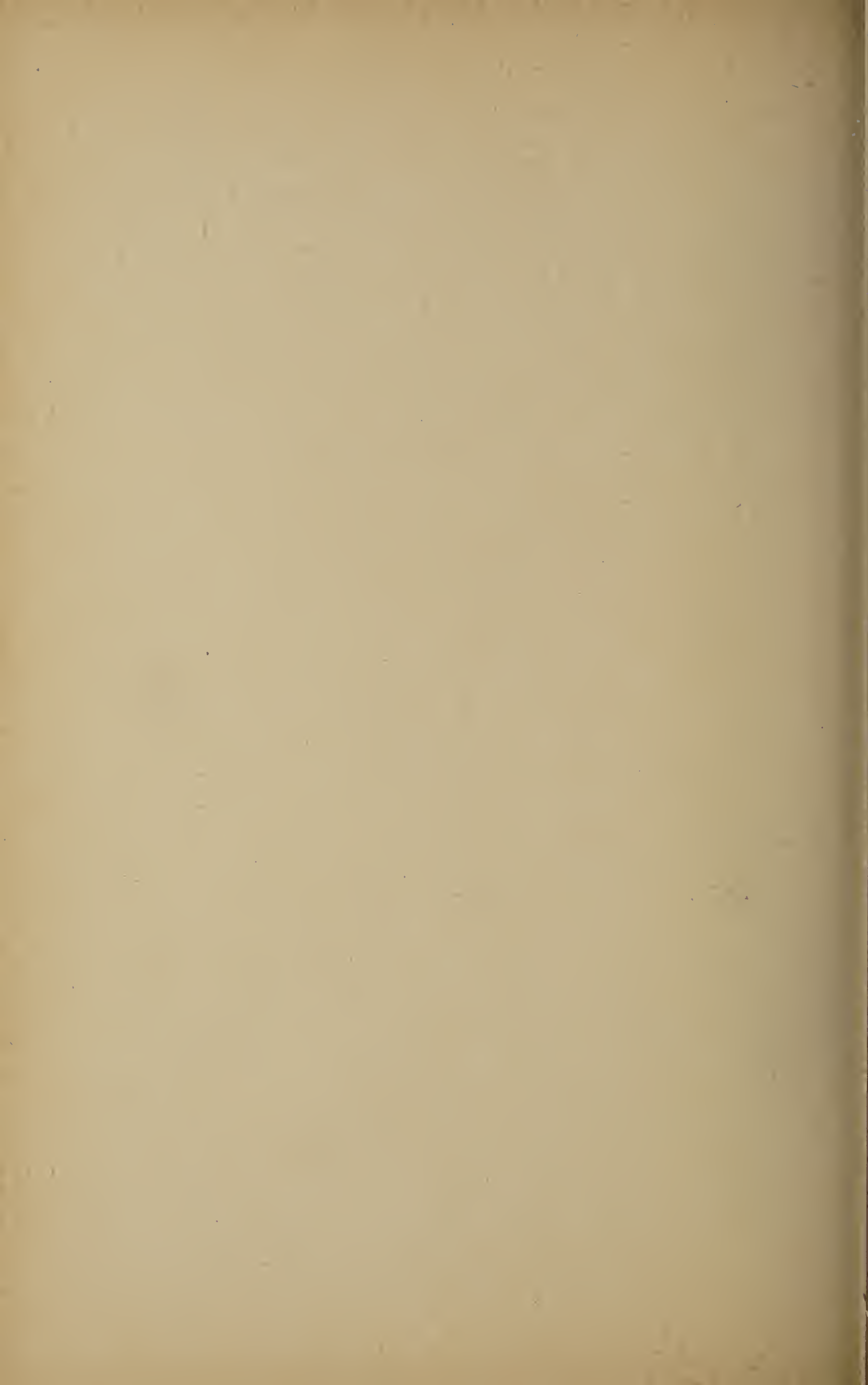
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# The Alumnae

OCTOBER, 1944

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## Alumnae Pledge



### An Assurance of Loyalty

With understanding of and the belief in the aims and purposes of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, I do solemnly affirm, that I will endeavor, by my daily life and service, to honor always the profession of which I am a member.



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## BLOOD BANK

What is a blood bank? All I know is this—  
It holds, perchance, a wounded soldier's life;  
The prospect of a waiting sweetheart's kiss;  
The happiness of some good soldier's wife;  
A mother's answered prayer; a father's smile;  
The future of a merry little lad  
That hangs precariously in time and space,  
Or some sweet girl—the dream-girl of her Dad—  
Who never yet has seen her father's face.

But, overall, it holds the destiny  
Of this America where all worlds meet—  
Your land and mine, where every man is free;  
A nation that has never known defeat.

It holds the ammunition for the fight,  
Again—again. But have you given your mite?

—Christine Park Hankinson.

## THE MARCH OF TIME

1892

**Mrs. Emma Forsyth (Dixie) Dawson Self** writes from London, Ontario: "Thank you so much for your kind card. I am glad to see you have the old flag once more floating on the Alumnae which I always so much enjoy receiving. It has in it so much of interest and I perceive you are a very live wire and will do everything possible to keep it going! Success to you!"

I was quite shocked when I read what **Jean Dawson** had written you and am sorry it was printed as it is quite misleading. While I am not as good as new, I enjoy life and am with a niece. She is a librarian and I do the housekeeping. Spending the week-end in Sarnia (?), I gazed across the blue St. Clair to see the Stars and Stripes waving proudly in Port Huron, Michigan. Some of the crossing restrictions are now being lifted and the Canadians will be spending their dollars in the U.S.A.—which they have been sadly missing.

Will look forward to seeing the Alumae in October. With kind regards."

**Note:** Am very sorry for any misrepresentations, Mrs. Self. Of Course, we know you understand that it was not intentional—but am glad for your letter. Let us hear more from time to time.

1894

A letter from **Mrs. E. B. Hutchinson** (Annie Fryar) to Miss Fulmer is shared with all of us as follows: "It seemed good to hear from one of our oldest friends. Was glad to get the program of the Commencement exercises. I retired from practice ten years ago and moved out to Patagonia, Arizona to live on a cattle ranch and school for boys purchased by my son, Buel, and his wife. They have three children. My health keeps good and I enjoy the life here. The first year we had seven children and last year twenty-two. Are now putting up another building and will accommodate twenty-six boys the coming year. They come from all parts of the country, about one-half from the Chicago area. Am anxious to hear more from and about the old gang. Have not seen

nor heard from any of them since the luncheon at my house in '33. Forgot to tell you that Dr. Cheny is practicing at a clinic in Florence, Alabama."

1895

**Jessie Keys Monnich** writes: "I am doing private duty, living in my own home. So, you see, I am still active. Also, I am studying Spanish and will be 73 years old in September."

**Harriet Fulmer** recently visited with and talked to the 1947A Class at St. Luke's. One of the students sent Miss Fulmer a note of thanks, mentioning the value of her advice "Don't fuss—be resorceful" when a group of new students went on the floors for practical application of their theoretical studies.

1896

**Kathryn Gruber** received three Blue Ribbons at the Beverly Hills Flower Show. Her garden is a thing of beauty in the rear of her beautiful home on South Hamilton Avenue.

1897

Word from the daughter of Mrs. Julia Milligan Wilson says: "This year I neglected to renew mother's Alumnae membership, but I really believe, at present, it is a futile gesture. She is not now able to read much and since November has been in a nursing home where she can secure the care I no longer could provide and still continue to work. She did greatly enjoy the news from her bulletins. I am sorry this is no longer possible to her."

1899

**Miss Adda Eldredge:**—Am so glad for your note. Am so sorry your name was spelled "Eldridge". I shall especially check it from here in and hope we may have a note from you once in a while for news. I shall not print your note this time—but shall expect one for print as soon as you have anything for all of us to enjoy.—Editor.

1903

**Miss Jane Allen**, formerly past-director of the NOPHN, has joined the staff of the Oregon Tuberculosis Asso-



ciation as field representative. Good luck in your new work, Miss Allen. Let us hear from you. Your St. Luke's friends would love to know more about it.

#### 1904

**Jane Craig** writes: "Cordial greetings from Montreal to friends of St. Luke's Alumnae! I have very pleasant recollections of the meeting at the I. C. N. Convention held here in 1929 and of entertaining some of the nurses at our country cottage on Lake St. Louis where we will spend our summers. It is eleven years since I retired as Superintendent of Nurses at the Western Hospital—and during that time I have been busily engaged at home with my family. Since the beginning of the war, I have been doing what I can at the local Red Cross and also helping with the war-time work of the I.O.D.E. Especially do I want to thank **Maud Gooch** for keeping me in touch with the news at St. Luke's and wish her much happiness in her new position. In the forty years since graduation, I have always looked forward to receiving the Alumnae Journal."

#### 1905

**Miss Helen McNab** spent her vacation at Green Lake Wisconsin. Was sorry to miss the first Alumnae meeting but will be back with us for future affairs.

#### 1906

**Maud Gooch** attended the graduation program at Ames College, Iowa, where her nephew, John, was graduating with honors. She was "pried loose" from her fascinating job in Hinsdale long enough to take this journey. Wish you would write and let us hear something about your work and share your pleasure with you, Miss Gooch.

#### 1910

A note from **Mrs. John Thomas Barry** (Jean Middlemiss) says: "I have not been back to St. Luke's for some time. John does frequently visit Chicago, though. We are all very well—Anne is fourteen now and strong, healthy and very sports-minded. John, Jr., at eleven and a half, is the image of his Daddy at the same age. John is now working for a New York bank and travels a great deal. My sister

Anne, (Yale School of Nursing 1936) is now in Quito, Ecuador with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, teaching medical and surgical technique to native nurses. Thanks to Harriet Fulmer for sending me the program of the last Commencement."

#### 1916

**Mrs. Barbara Minard Fletcher**, former Waukesha County Nurse, has been appointed Superintendent of Forest Lawn Sanatorium in Jefferson County. She has been on the staff of the mid-west division of the Red Cross with headquarters in St. Louis, and for several years was nursing supervisor at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Illinois. She succeeds **Miss Mabel Ryan** as superintendent. Congratulations on your new appointment, Mrs. Fletcher!

#### 1918

**Mildred Cook** writes: "I have been sick at home for the past 2½ months. My mother passed away on July 15. I am all alone now." We are glad to hear from you, Mildred Cook and the entire Alumnae Association extends sincerest sympathy to you in the loss of your mother. Hope you will be able to enjoy the Alumnae Journal with us from herein. Let us hear more from you as to what you are doing during this wartime period.

#### 1922

A note from **Mrs. Ellen Rattle Kipp** says that "On June 9, 1944, Gertrude Ellen Kipp left "The Cradle" in Evanston, Illinois, to become the newest member of the Kipp household." Congratulations—and only the best from all of us!

**Capt. Ethelyn M. Peterson** of Buckley Field, Denver, spent a "rest vacation" with **Miss Mildred Pringle** (Class 1915) in Scottsdale, Arizona, following a bout with pneumonia. We hope Capt. Peterson has fully recovered.

#### 1923

A note from **Romona Huddleston Russell** says: "I spent a week-end the middle of August in Mt. Pleasant with **Dorothea McMillan**, 1923B. We had a grand time talking over old times and planning for our 25th Anniversary which will be in 1948. We want all the 1923B Class to keep us posted as to their addresses so we can have a big meeting.

I also had the pleasure of seeing **Peg Leonard** (1920) in Des Moines. We had a short visit but were able to talk of our mutual friends of St. Luke's days.

Our daughter is a Junior this year and, if all goes as we plan, she will be in St. Luke's in 1947. It is fun to plan, anyway."

#### 1924

**Avis Van Lew** has been appointed field representative to assist with the State and Local program of Student recruitment in the program of the State Nursing Council for War Service. She will go into the districts and work directly with the local committees in promotion of publicity and the participation of civic and club groups.

**Captain Edna Plembeck**, with the A.N.C. in Italy, headed a group of nurses who have taken over an Italian school house there and are currently engaged in converting the place into temporary living quarters for nurses passing through this area. The building, a four-story stone and plaster structure built around a cobblestone courtyard in the manner of most Italian houses and, like most Italian houses, its plumbing is notably poor. The rooms are large and airy, however, and after several days of scrubbing they are at least clean enough to house eight nurses each in dormitory style. When the nurses moved in a few days ago, they had no equipment with which to set up housekeeping but now the sleeping rooms have cots, bedside tables, wardrobes and chairs. The living rooms, offices and lounge are fitted out with tables, writing desks and wicker settees. A semi-circular bar has been installed and there is a "music room" complete with grand piano.

#### 1928

Congratulations to Captain and **Mrs. Carl W. Feickert** (former Emma Heint) on the birth of a daughter, Elissa Ann on June 29, weight 5 pounds and 14 ounces. Capt. and Mrs. Feickert have a son aged 19 months also. Capt. Feickert is the Post Judge Advocate at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where they now reside.

#### 1929

**2nd Lt. Erma Mathis** received orders

to "move on" from Bruno General Hospital, Sante Fe, N. M. to Station Hospital, Camp Barkley, Texas. We all hope Lt. Mathis will enjoy spending the Winter in Texas.

#### 1931

**Emily C. Fawcett** writes: Finally arrived at this 1500 bed Naval Hospital in the land of Crosby, Hope, and the Movie queens. We're quartered with the nurses and it is mighty pleasant living in this California sunshine and a brand new hospital set-up.

At present, I am the only psychiatric social worker here for a sizeable N. P. service and so it is already a pretty busy life."

#### 1932

A letter from **Capt. Elizabeth Breitung**, Hut 6, England reads as follows: "Am listening to Bob Hope—seems almost like home. My "Alumnae" came yesterday. You can't imagine how much I enjoy it over here. Really have learned to appreciate it.

**June Kurtz** is the only one from St. Luke's I've met over here. I met her the first day we reached the staging area here in England. While I was down at the American School Center, I met several officers who had been St. Luke's internes. Here we had all been at school together for three weeks and didn't discover **that** until the night of the "graduation" dance. One of the doctors was Capt. Sweitzer and the other one was Lt. Galt.

Since D day we have had some very busy times—but right now are having a lull between storms. Believe me, I can dig shrapnel with my eyes shut. Our first patients were the boys that went in on the first wave—paratroopers—gliders and airborne troops. They are the grandest bunch of kids I've ever seen. No matter how badly they are hurt, all they can think about is how soon they can get back to a gun. Many have private scores to settle for lost buddies. Surgery surely was a lively place for a while, but we loved it. That's what we came over for. We didn't have any trouble getting the nurses on duty—our trouble was making them go off for some rest. They were all so happy to be back at actual nursing again—after hours, days and months of drilling, classes, inspection and training schedules. Our kids are



regular Indians—outside in rain or shine—plenty tough!

Because of the Double British Summertime, it is daylight until almost midnight, so we have long evenings of baseball, volley-ball and bike riding. The countryside is lovely for riding—narrow winding roads lined with holly and hawthorne hedges, flowers galore, primroses, foxglove, rambler roses and daisie everywhere. We each have flower gardens around our huts and a big unit vegetable garden. However, the rabbits and moles have enjoyed our lettuce much more than we have—they get there first.

We have a big red cat named Tom who does pretty well on the field mice, but is afraid of the rabbits. Tom's guard duty has been limited lately—due to a cast we put on his leg. He got hit during a raid one night and broke his leg—someone probably fell over him because there was no other excitement that night, except an alert. We also have a kitten named Buttercup, aged 6 weeks and a Springer Spaniel pup, Squirt—aged 3 weeks. So the girls are keeping up on their pediatrics, too. The enlisted men have a pup—AWOL—that we also nursed through his infancy.

We love our site—but, of course, now we want to go on. There are many bets being placed and the rumors are really flying as to how soon we'll move. Where we'll go is another constant topic and each day brings new excitement, and every little happening is a sign of something. If a tent goes up or down, everybody is ready to pack.

Have to weed the flower bed so had better get going. Though we are having the times of our lives here, we'll be awfully glad when we board a boat homeward. Love to all the St. Lukers".

**Ens. Mae K. Lee** visited relatives in Chicago while moving from the "best Island in the Pacific" to Great Lakes, where she will be stationed for a while. She didn't get time for more than a phone call but even over the telephone, she sounded just as "peppy" and cheerful as the Mae with whom I sold Fashion Show raffle tickets once upon a time. That was fun and I am anxious for a visit when we can really talk.—Ed.

1933

**Mary Stone** writes from England: "The first week after D-Day we were terribly busy, but now, since our special assignment has been finished, we are on 8-hour schedule again with classes and drills. Guess I don't have to tell you how disgusted many of us are because we don't move any further. Am afraid we are "stuck" for the duration. We have quite a variety of war casualties. Besides our own soldiers, we have some six different nationalities, prisoners of war, as well as civilians. Had some French women snipers, one of them 77 years old. Besides having severe injuries, the poor thing was so decrepit she had incontinence continuously. The condition of her head was something "for the books", really, but some new powder, on which we had a lecture, did wonders. When we wheeled this old woman into the room, she started to cry and whimper. We could not imagine why but finally realized that she was afraid of the sink. I turned on the faucet and showed her that water flowed through it. You should have seen the smile I got then. Guess she thought it was a torture chamber. Oh, the ignorance that still exists!

Now again we get one afternoon off during the week but can't go anywhere further than 25 miles from the post. Am brushing up on German and am shocked to realize I have forgotten most of it. Love to all."

"1st Lt. **Amanda B. Griffith**, chief nurse at Amarillo, Texas, army air field, has been promoted to captain." So says a clipping from the Omaha World-Herald forwarded to us. It was dated July 23, 1944. We congratulate Capt. Amanda Griffith! How about a little news from you about St. Luke's at Amarillo, Amanda?—Ed.

**Lillian Olson**, at Camp Grant, has been promoted to 1st Lt. We offer sincere congratulations!

1934

**Georgiana Kelly** writes: "I thought I'd write you to tell you how much by now I know about UNRRA.

I have been very busy getting overseas packing, also with insurance, allotments, travel authorization, leave identification, filling out commission papers, physical examination which took four and a half hours, looks like

you have to be fit to join UNRRA, doesn't it? Next week we go to the UNRRA Center at the University of Maryland.

The European Training program outline of courses is as follows:

A. Basic Program

1. The European Problem (6 sessions)
  1. Western Europe (6 sessions)
  2. Central Europe (6 sessions)
  3. Eastern Europe (6 sessions)
2. UNRRA and Related Agencies
3. People in Need
4. History and Principles of International Aid
5. Personnel Information
6. Field Planning
7. Field Operations
8. Language—French, German, Russian, and Polish (20 sessions each)

B. Advanced Program

9. UNRRA and Related Agencies (6 sessions)
10. People in Need (4 sessions)
11. Field Operations
  - Welfare (10 sessions)
  - Displaced persons and camps (10 sessions)
  - Supply, distribution and transport (10 sessions)
  - Industrial and agricultural rehabilitation (10 sessions)
  - Health
  - General administration and finance
  - Secretarial
12. Language
  - French (10 sessions)
  - German (10 sessions)
  - Polish (10 sessions)
  - Russian (10 sessions)

We live on the campus and will stay there until we go overseas which will probably be four, five or six weeks. I will write to you often and tell you how your St. Luke's children are getting along."

1938

A letter from **Leone Galbraith Hawks** says: "Last January upon returning here, Station Hospital, Prisoner of War Camp, Aliceville, Alabama, the Army nurses stationed here were to leave for overseas duty and it left us with a minimum staff of civilian nurses and one chief nurse and two

other Army nurses. At that time I was placed in the operating room and, along with one other civilian nurse, handled all surgery. The other civilian nurse soon left and I was alone with all surgery and took 24-hour emergency call until we trained another Army nurse to help and to take call every other day with me. That is still the procedure and I am the surgical technician in rating.

We once had the capacity of 6000 prisoners but the number has greatly decreased. They have been sent out in side camps where there is work for them to do. They send us perhaps five hundred to one thousand or more at a time and then, after a few months, they send them to other camps. At every increase of prisoners, we increase in the number of hospital patients and the same decrease happens when they leave. We are using German Medical Attendants in the wards and in the operating room. The three that work with me are a team that is hard to beat for they are very efficient and hard workers.

In February and March, I taught ward and bedside procedures to about twenty-five German attendants. Most everything had to be translated, but we had an interesting class. My regards to all."

**Elizabeth Feeney**, A.N.C., has been promoted to 1st Lt. in England. Sincerest congratulations from all of us!

**Lillian Olson**, A.N.C., has been promoted to 1st Lt. at Camp Grant. Sincerest congratulations from all of us to you, too!

**2nd Lt. Naomi Swem** of Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado, visited friends in Chicago in June. She spent her two-week leave visiting her family in South Bend, Indiana and her sister in Marion, Ohio.

1940

**Margaret Pollock Williams** writes: Having accidentally met Mary Gassner **Holberstadt** from Nazerth, Penn, last week, I was most fortunate to be able to look over copies of the Alumnae as far back as 1940.

Since leaving St. Luke's in 1940, I have worked for National Red Cross in the capacity of Itinerant Nurse and traveled throughout the Midwestern Area during 1943, resigning, of course,



when my husband returned from 18 months in the Southwest Pacific with the U. S. Marine Corps. We have a 2½ year old daughter, Eleanor Ann. Naturally, we are very proud of her.

We are living in the town of "dem Bums" Brooklyn and, believe me, the name fully implies all that it is. I would love hearing from any of the girls who care to write. Just keep the Alumnae coming. My only comment is that they don't come often enough.

Congratulations on the new nurses' home. To me the "Ghost of the Saranacs" will always be a fond memory."

**2nd Lt. Annette Van Gorder**, stationed at Mago General Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., visited St. Lukes in July.

Congratulations to Mr. and **Mrs. Michael Hutchinson** (Ann Lipinski) on the birth of a girl, Jennifer, last May.

1943—

**2nd Lts. Audrey Guyatte and Erna Hillger** visited St. Lukes in July. They were on a ten-day furlough prior to leaving for Camp Grant for overseas training with the 167th General Hospital Unit. Both entered the A.N.C. in February, 1944, receiving their basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and having been assigned since then to Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Best wishes for a successful and happy life are extended to Dr. A. Ruggie, former interne, and **Bernadine Schaefer**, Head Nurse on Main 17, who were married June 29 at St. Mary's Church.

1944

**Marian Ettan** has reported to Camp McCoy as 2nd Lt. A.N.C. Good luck!

### CONVOY OVERSEAS

Dedicated to the memory of Donald Cole Lindsey and his comrades of the skyways whose bodies crashed to earth, whose spirits cry out from mountain peak and valley. Wherever their ashes enrich sea and soil they exhort us to carry on our share of the struggle, that peace may be purged of imperialism,

and usher in the day of freedom for which they made the supreme sacrifice.

But yesterday a schoolboy  
Eager to fly,  
Today an airplane pilot  
On leave to say good-bye:  
Ten days of fun and feasting  
And talk of happy things  
Like mothers' pies and school pranks,  
And flights to prove your wings.

But I was thinking grimly  
Oh dear heart lost,  
And choked on bitter ashes  
Of war's relentless cost.  
Fought off this war's dilemma  
That youth must die  
In Freedom's cause upholding  
Imperialism's lie.

Dear Don! Forbidden utterance,  
Such thoughts as these  
Take flight in dream conveying  
Your airplane overseas.  
Bright angels give you vision,  
Their wings bear up your ship,  
Humanity the Captain  
Commands a world-wide trip.

Go forth! the new Magellan  
To cross Time's boundary line,  
But take Big Skipper's compass  
Made in Palestine.  
Explore Pacific islands,  
Taste Russia's dole,  
In Africa discover  
The rim of freedom's goal.

In danger scrap such cargo  
As Ivory, silk or chrome,  
But gifts the natives offer  
Your plane must carry home.  
I see you land in India  
To buy supplies,  
But no one takes your money,  
"All presents!" Gandhi cries!

As peasants bring you baskets  
Of Freedom's harvest yield,  
And chorus, "Happy landing  
On your home field."  
I woke! My dream was shining,  
A light-house-heaven-high,  
Where oh! so young! Don signals  
Keep faith with us who die.

—Rebecca Shelley Rathmer

## In Memoriam

The sad news of the death of Burnett Clark, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Clark of Summit, N. J., came to St. Luke's recently. **Mrs. Clark** is the former Bessie Burnett, Class of 1904. The Alumnae Association extends deepest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Clark in the loss of their son.

The sudden death—at his home in Reading, Vt., of **Dr. Joseph Brenneman** was a great shock to his many friends at St. Luke's. He was one of the nation's outstanding pediatricians. His contribution to child welfare is his enduring monument. In a tribute to Dr. Brenneman, Dr. Stanley Gibson says: "His fame as a teacher equalled or excelled that which he enjoyed as a writer. He spoke clearly, in good voice. He had a superb gift of showmanship—over and above his brilliant intellectual achievements was his solidity of character. One never

doubted his sincerity. He could not tolerate pretense and sham. He cared not at all for social life in the usual sense but he was supremely happy in a small gathering of congenial friends. He was no less the friend of the hospital errand boy or the humblest dispensary patient than he was of his medical associations". The Alumnae Association extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bessie Daniels Brenneman, Class of 1902.

The Alumnae Association extends deepest sympathy to the family of Mabel Tompkins who recently passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Alumnae Association extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Fanny Cole Lindsay, Class of 1918, in the death of her son in the Service.

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### FIRST CASES OF PINTA IN U. S.

The first three cases ever reported in continental United States of pinta, a nonvenereal type of spirochetosis (infection with a spirochete) limited almost exclusively to the dark races, are the subject of a report by E. P. Lieberthal of Chicago. There is no reason, the author says, why the disease should be limited to any country or even to the tropics. In all probability there are in the southern part of the United States persons with pinta which has been diagnosed as some other type of skin disease. The three patients he reports were born respectively in Canada, Louisiana and Alabama.

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### CONTROLLING COMMON COLD COMPLICATIONS

Two reports indicating that it may be possible to control or prevent many of the complications of the common cold have been published recently. In one report, five Baltimore physicians present their findings in the use of a sulfadiazine spray to prevent the bacterial infections of the sinuses, the ears and the pharynx that so often follow

the common cold. In another report, four California investigators present their findings from the treatment of the common cold and sinus and ear infections with sulfathiazole and another drug.

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### CHEST PAIN

What he believes to be a simple and effective procedure for relieving pain of pleural origin (from the pleura or membrane that surrounds the lungs and lines the chest) which is often associated with pneumonia is reported by Harry J. Price of Atlanta, Ga. This procedure, known as intercostal nerve block, involves injection of procaine hydrochloride into the nerves in spaces between the ribs over which definite tenderness can be elicited by slight pressure.

All St. Luke's nurses doing industrial nursing are asked to send interesting information about their work to Miss Harriet Fulmer, who is writing a history of the Industrial Nursing Service in Illinois, upon request of the Industrial Nurses Section.



## NATIONAL REGISTRATION

"The power of licensure in the various professions is not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, therefore it is reserved to the states"—and that, in a nut shell is the reason why it is not possible to obtain a national license to practice nursing in any state.

A short article **National Registration for Nurses** presented in the March '44 **AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING** lists six major problems, among them payment of double registration fees—one to the state and one to the nation—which nurses would encounter were national registration possible. It also lists three major activities of the national nursing organizations which are bringing about greater uniformity in the requirements to practice nursing in the states. These are:

1. The work of the National League of Nursing Education through its program of accreditation of nursing schools.

2. The work of the NLNE Committee on Measurement and Educational Guidance.

3. The American Nurses' Association Clearing Bureau on Problems of State Boards of Nurse Examiners which has already developed a "minimum curriculum which it is hoped will be acceptable to all states as a basis for registration by reciprocity."

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## THREE MINUTES WILL DO

Moppets and their mothers who argue interminably about how long a clinical thermometer should be left in the mouth to insure accurate recording of temperature will be glad to know that the question has been settled definitely. A group of doctors recently questioned nurses at one hundred training schools all over the country, then added their own carefully controlled clinical observations. The answer: three minutes minimum, "under ordinary conditions." This is clearly a victory for mothers, who now have scientific authority to hold out when the youngsters ask, every fifteen seconds or so, "Gosh, can't you take it out now?"

## NEW TREATMENT FOR AIR-BORNE GERMS

Working the same way flypaper does, a new oil treatment for floors, bedding and blankets traps air-borne germs in hospital wards and barracks, the Surgeon General of the Army has announced. Tests made in Army camps indicate the new germ-trapping oil treatment will reduce the incidence of respiratory infections by more than 25 per cent. The oil film may be applied to floors with a mop; bed linens and blankets are impregnated in the final rinse of laundering. The film is invisible, odorless, greaseless and non-sticky, according to Dr. Oswald H. Robertson of Chicago, chairman of a commission which has been studying air-borne infections for the Office of the Surgeon General since the beginning of the war. In ordinary wards and barracks, it is explained, the bacteria and viruses of infectious disease spread from the sick soldier to his bedding and from there into the air and onto the floor; from the floor they spread into the air again during the sweeping and policing of quarters. When floors and bedding are treated, the germs stay put. Actually, air bacterial counts are reduced as much as 90 per cent in treated areas, Dr. Robertson reports. Dividend: The invisible oil film adds to the weight of blankets, makes them warmer.

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## Great American Painting

"Edith Cavell" by George Bellows, considered the greatest American painting to come out of the last war, is so important in the estimation of the Art Institute in Chicago, that it is being installed at the head of the grand staircase. It was painted in 1918 by George Bellows, whose untimely death in 1926 deprived this country of one of its leading artists.

In the last war Edith Cavell, a British Red Cross nurse, was on duty in a Belgian Hospital. During the occupation of Belgium by the Germans, she helped British, French and Belgian soldiers to escape, but was finally caught by the Germans and executed by a firing squad on October 12, 1915."

## RATS OUTNUMBER MEN

Rats outnumber men in the world today by a wide margin, a fact which isn't surprising when it is known that female rats bear litters of from four to ten young four or five times a year and breed at the age of six months. The only difference between rats and mice other than the difference in size is that rats commonly have over 200 rows of scales on their tails, whereas mice rarely have more than 180. Two species of rat predominate in the United States: the brown or Norway rat (*Mus norvegicus*), which is large, grayish brown in color, fierce, vicious, cunning and fearless; and the black rat (*Mus rattus*), which is smaller, blacker, glossier and not quite so tough. Scientists and exterminators take note of these details as a matter of occupational interest; to most others a rat is just a creature to be despised and avoided without regard for the number of scales on its tail, the exact shade of its coat or the finer nuances of its character.

Rats work at night, taking the most direct route from their nests to the source of whatever food they are engaged in destroying. With voracious appetites, they eat man's fruits, vegetables and meats, and they destroy by pollution ten times as much as they devour. To get at food, rats will gnaw their way through thick floors, lead pipes, doors and even brick foundations. They are stopped, however, by steel plate and heavy concrete; the resistance furnished by these materials makes it possible, happily, for ratproof structures to be constructed.

Because rats are carriers of many deadly diseases — typhus, bubonic plague, typhoid fever, infectious jaundice and trichinosis, among others—public health authorities everywhere are interested in the removal of rat harborages, the construction of rat-resistant buildings and the rat-proofing of existing structures, the proper storage of foods and disposal of waste, and the destruction of rats through poisoning, trapping and fumigation. Most health departments assist in rat-proofing projects and rat-killing campaigns. The Health Council of Allegheny County, Pa., for example, has recently issued a pamphlet containing detailed instructions on how to get rid of rats. "Extermination of the rat is

a biological impossibility," this says in part. "The best that can be done is to suppress the rat, reduce his numbers and thus control his harmfulness and destructiveness. Even this is a gigantic task, and it will result only from continuous, cooperative and intelligently applied control measures."

The theory that children conceived during the months from August to January are more intelligent than those conceived from February to July has been a subject of study and speculation among geneticists from time to time for many years. A British scientist, J. A. Fraser Roberts, now advances the plausible hypothesis that such correlation between intelligence and time of conception as has been observed is not explained by any seasonal influence on the mother or the developing child, but rather by the fact that intelligent parents show a tendency to conceive children slightly more often in winter than in summer.

## STUDENT ENROLLMENTS IN NURSING SCHOOLS

A total of 112,249 student nurses were enrolled in the 1,307 state accredited schools of nursing in the country on January 1, 1944, an increase of nearly 12,000 over the number enrolled in 1943 and more than 20,000 over 1942, according to a study just completed by the Department of Studies of the National League of Nursing Education and reported in the May 1944 *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

Although the number of state accredited nursing schools has decreased from 1,472 in 1935 to 1,307 in 1944, the size of the average school has steadily grown. In 1935 the average school had 48 students; in 1944 it has 86, an increase of 79 per cent.

Ten points to remember, in helping patients deformed or crippled by war injuries to regain emotional stability and "focus attention on what is left instead of on what is lost" are listed by Major Walter E. Barton in **Healthy Attitude Toward War Injuries** in the February *PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING* magazine as follows:

1. Preserve an attitude of normality. The disabled person should be treated



as though there is nothing intrinsically different about him as a result of his handicap.

2. Be natural. A natural manner that one would bring to a normal person is all that is necessary.

3. Face the reality of the disability. Create within the patient a willingness to face the fact of his limitation.

4. Ignore the deformity. Let no horror or sorrow appear in the face or manner of the person in contact with the deformity.

5. Reassure the handicapped. Help the soldier concentrate on the determination to get well and on the determination to overcome the loss.

6. Restore his faith in his ability. The martyr's attitude may be noble but it doesn't bring much happiness to the individual.

7. Continue social living. Encourage the patient to resume social contacts after he returns to his own home.

8. Give the patient a job to do. Work is associated in our minds with health.

9. Keep a balance in life. In order to maintain mental health, some work, some play, some rest should be a part of every day.

10. Stress the importance of beauty of spirit. The handicapped person who has overcome his disability carries a great message to those who feel overburdened by life's many tribulations.

## Pass the News Along

Remember that you may hear from some of the nurses—but if you do not pass at least a part of those letters on, you are not sharing the news with all the others who are interested. Many thanks to those of you who have sent in news items or letters and let me use my judgment as to the parts to print. It takes a "lot" of news to fill the bulletin. Remember to have all items in to your editor not later than the 20th of November for the December issue. Send all changes of address to Mrs. Leona Fitzmaurice, 5749 N. Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## YOUR HEART

To at least one group of medical investigators, the innocent beating of your heart would resound in deep, booming notes similar to the lowest tones of a tuba or a bass viol. That's the way Dr. John H. Foulger and physicist Paul E. Smith Jr. of Wilmington, Del., describe the sounds of the normal heart as heard through the new heart sound detector they have developed as an aid in the early diagnosis of circulatory ailments.

The pitch of the heart tones, these scientists say, depends on the state of tension of the heart muscle at the moment it contracts to drive blood through the body, and on the volume of blood on which the muscle is contracting. By detecting delicate changes in the pitch of these tones, it is explained, the new instrument reflects variations in the condition of the heart muscles and circulation too slight to be noted by electrocardiograph and standard blood pressure measurements. Too many of the deeper, bass tuba notes in the heart sound record are likely to indicate a poor return of blood to the heart and slack muscles Dr. Foulger says.

## PHYSICIANS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

Some 90,000 physicians in private practice wrote an average of 1,818 prescriptions apiece, not counting refills, in 1943, according to a prescription census conducted by Drug Topics, a trade paper. This was an all time high in the number of prescriptions filled, and, as might be expected, the money spent for prescriptions reached a new high in 1943 too, with a per capita expense of \$2.08 as against \$1.69 the previous year. These figures don't mean that the nation was sicker than it's ever been before, it should be pointed out. Forty million of the prescriptions filled were for vitamins.

Some pay their dues when due  
Some when overdue  
Some never do  
When do you?

## Historical Collection

The Historical Souvenir Collection Committee of the School of Nursing of St. Luke's Hospital consists of the following:

Harriet Fulmer, Chairman  
Ellen Stewart, Associate Chairman  
May Collins  
Ann Jones Laird  
Henrietta Froehlicke  
Ruth Boyles  
Allison Meyer, Student Group  
Marion Pierce, Editor Hospital News

This collection will consist of interesting books, letters and manuscripts of St. Luke's activities. Every graduate is asked to take a personal interest in assembling valuable material. Miss McConnell has arranged for temporary use, several shelves in the Nurses's Library. A number of interesting pictures have been sent in.

## THE INTERNIST'S SONG

I had a bad cold in my head,  
A snarling, snuffling snorter.  
Alas! I could not go to bed  
Though well I knew I oughter,  
And as I sneezed along my rounds  
(More numerous than usual)  
The germs' delight was past all bounds  
And they held high carousal.  
The cocci, micro, staph and strep  
Were present in profusion;  
B. influenzae, full of pep,  
Increased my sore confusion.  
Each of my patients, young and old,  
Grinned like a Disney elf.  
They cried, "Why, Doc! You've caught  
a cold,  
Why don't you cure yourself?"  
"Why don't you cure yourself, now,  
Doc?"  
I heard on every hand.  
Could I have answered with a sock  
That would have been just grand.  
"Why don't you cure yourself?" they  
crack.  
Was ever question dumber?  
I'd had more peace, and made more  
jack  
If I had been a plumber.

—W. P. K.

CAN and WILL are cousins who never trust to luck. CAN is the son of ENERGY, WILL is the son of PLUCK;

## THANKSGIVER

Black as coal lay his head,  
In striking contrast to bandage and bed.  
Explosion of molten zinc  
Had brought the threat of eternal  
night;

Exacting care—and, at last,  
The promise of perfect sight.  
His first day up in the chair,  
From his knees I saw him rise—  
"Jes' a thankin' the Big Boss, nurse,  
Foh givin' me back mah eyes."

—Anna Reseburg, R. N.

## CHEMICAL BURNS

A phosphate solution for the treatment of chemical burns is reported by Eduard Poser and Erwin Haas of Chicago. It is composed of monobasic potassium phosphate and dibasic sodium phosphate dissolved in water. The two men point out that the customary treatment of chemical burns has definite disadvantages, particularly when such sensitive tissues as certain parts of the eye are involved.

Too many of us spend our days in deepening grooves of discontent, wanting desperately to increase our repertory of pleasures and attainments but not knowing where to begin. For such as these, the solution is to take lessons in doing some new thing well or some accustomed thing better. Learning, let us remember, is a great rehabilitator; it thrusts back horizons and accelerates all the powers of life to an intenser beat. We may never win medals for our prowess on the zither or in swimming the six-beat crawl, but we can all enjoy the quiet pleasure of knowing that our skill (and satisfaction) has been bounding steadily upward since we first decided to get instructed.

## BI-ANNUAL NURSES' CONVENTION REPORT

The Thirty-fourth Bi-annual Convention of the American Nurses' Association was held jointly with meetings of the National League of Nursing Education and the National Organization for Public Health Nurses in Buffalo, New York, June 4th-8th, 1944.

The Convention sessions were entirely of a business nature. Due to the war conditions there were less nurses registered than at previous conventions, the total being only 1,888, including the 146 students and 944 delegates. There were delegates present



from all but ten states including Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Wm. D. Zimmerman was the Parliamentarian for the meetings and Mrs. Scott of Satterley and Scott was the convention attorney.

There were four meetings of the House of Delegates and two A.N.A. Joint evening sessions. Each of the four present sections of the A.N.A. held their meetings at scheduled periods. The four sections represented were Private Duty- Men Nurses Section- Federal Government Section- and General Staff Nurses.

The main subjects brought before the meetings for discussion were the following:

1. Revisions of some of the By-laws which were discussed thoroughly and voted upon, resulting in some heated discussions from the floor.

2. Voting by mail or proxy. The House voted to instruct the Board to search for some method of voting by mail or by proxy- whereby state nurses associations may use the total number of votes to which they are entitled. The points discussed were two: 1. The possibility of voting by mail by individual members or delegates. 2. Return to voting by proxy.

This was somewhat confusing as the attorney, Mr. Scott announced that the District of Columbia doesn't have any laws making it legal for a corporation to vote by mail and the A.N.A. is a corporation and is incorporated in the District of Columbia. It was finally moved that the Board be authorized to find a way of voting so that, regardless of the number of the State nurses' association delegates present, the State may cast the full number of votes to which it is entitled.

3. Alumnae as the basis of State association membership. The House of Delegates voted to approve the resolution of the Committee on By-Laws which read that: No nurse be required to be a member of her Alumnae Association in order to obtain membership in a district or state or A.N. Association.

4. The Social Security Act and its relationship to nurses was discussed and explained by Mr. Wm. C. Scott, attorney. He pointed out the disad-

vantages of this Act to nurses, in its present form.

- b. Mr. Scott also discussed Collective bargaining in relation to the state nurses associations and the A.N.A.

5. Auxiliary Workers—which also caused considerable discussion. It was explained that the U.S. office of Education is sponsoring a program for the training of these workers and that, unless the professional groups participate, all control of their training and practice may be lost to professional nursing.

6. Joint Survey of the National Organizations. It endorsed the recommendation of the National Nursing Council for War Service providing for a National Nursing Planning Committee of the Council which would project a program for nursing at least five years in the future. The Joint Advisory Committee on the Joint Survey also recommended that studies be made of the various common activities of the National Nursing organizations such as public information, personnel practices, conventions, Bureau of publications, statistics, and research.

7. Health Service plans for nurses.

8. State reports on personnel practices, in regard to salaries, hour schedules, etc.

9. International Council of Nurses. It recently established an office at 1819 Broadway in New York City. Nurses coming to this country are urged to contact this office for advice and counseling.

10. American Nurses Association elections.

### Reports of the Four Sections

of the American Nurses Association

1. A report of the Private Duty Section:

The meetings were well attended and very informative. There was one change made in the rules of the section to the effect that "no officer could hold office more than two consecutive terms.

Four recommendations were made to the A.N.A. Board of Directors:

1. That the Section go on record as disapproving the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill in its present form.

2. That the Section go on record

to assist all states which are attempting to license all who nurse for hire.

3. That the Board of Directors of the Section prepare standards for Private Duty Nurse.

4. That all Private Duty nurses subscribe to the American Journal of Nursing.

## 2. Men Nurses' Section:

Mr. LeRoy Craig, the Chairman of the Section reported that:

1. Men nurses are employed in their Professional capacity in Veterans' hospitals provided they are certified by Civil Service.

2. That Civil Service wishes no distinction between Men or Women Nurses, both are certified.

3. Status of Men Nurses in the Red Cross. As the men nurses have not been given professional recognition in the Armed Forces, they are not enrolled in the Red Cross. Men Nurses who are going into reconstruction work, foreign service, etc. or any other line of duty where Red Cross enrollment will be of help to them, will be enrolled.

4. The U.S. Public Health Service is employing Men Nurses in their professional capacity.

5. The matter of keeping the Men Nurses better informed about the activities of their Section was discussed. B. Resolutions which were presented to the Board of Directors:

1. Continued efforts to secure professional recognition and commissions for Men Nurses in the Armed Forces.

2. The A.N.A. continues its efforts to secure favorable rulings from Selective Service regarding student Men Nurses.

3. That long range plans be worked out for attracting acceptable young men to enroll in accredited Schools of Nursing.

4. That A.N.A. arrange to keep the Men Nurses in the various States informed of the Section activities.

## 3. General Staff Nurses' Section:

Thirty-one General Staff Nurses from the various States were present. Since it required a hundred to make a quorum it was impossible to vote on any issue at any of the meetings. The following recommendations were submitted to the Board of Directors, of the A.N.A.

1. Change the name to Institutional Staff Nurses' Section.

2. Definition of institutional staff nurse to read: All registered professional nurses engaged in the various services of hospitals who are in direct contact with patients are to be considered institutional staff nurses.

3. Membership: Graduate registered nurses who are members of the A.N.A. and regularly employed as institutional staff nurses and those who were so engaged at the time of retirement shall be eligible for membership in the Institutional Staff Nurses' Section of the A.N.A.

4. Quorum: Change from 100 to 50 members.

## 4. Federal Government Report:

Three developments in the Federal Government service during the last biennium are: 1. Organization of the Council of Federal Nursing Services.

2. Appointment of Ruth Heintzelman as Senior nursing consultant in the Medical Division of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. This is the first time a nurse has been represented on the Civil Service.

3. Establs. of Nurse Educ. Div. in the U.S. Pub. Health Service.

## Indian Affairs:

Miss Jeffries, Director of Nursing, U.S. Indian Service, who was elected Chairman of the Federal Government Section.

Miss Jeffries stated that the Service was inadequate since the war because of lack of Medical care. Some hospitals had to close. They had 82 hospitals and sanitariums, six of which were in Alaska. The nursing load is very heavy due to the shortage of nurses at this time.

The Indian population has shifted greatly since the war, so many have gone into the Army and Navy War plants. Also the financial conditions among the Indians was greatly improved, thus resulting in less illness. Most of the illness consists of O.B., work and the older population.

There are 145 positions available in Indian Service at the present time. The nurses aides received an intensive course in theory and floor duties. They have been a big help.



## Report On National Biennial Nursing Convention

Held in Buffalo, New York, Monday, June 5th to Thursday, June 8, 1944.

**Federal Government** Section of the A.N.A.

Meeting held in the Chinese Room of Statler Hotel, Tuesday A.M. 6-4-44.  
Order of the Meeting:

Business session presided over by Katherine S. Read, R.N. who is chairman of the Federal Government Section, A.N.A. She is retiring shortly.  
Roll Call by Services.

Reading of the minutes of the meeting held in Chicago, 1942.

Reports of the various committees given.

A Report of the **Army Nurse Corps**, by Col. Blanchfield.

There are over 40,000 nurses in the Army Nurse Corps.

There are 20,000 nurses overseas, serving in every section of the Globe. The conditions are very difficult for nurses overseas but it does help immeasurably to bolster up the morale of the wounded men. The nurses now are closer to the combat lines than in any previous wars. Many colored nurses are serving overseas and at Army hospitals in the country.

Four hundred and forty-four Sr. Cadet nurses are stationed at various Army hospitals in the country.

The pay has been raised considerably since 1942 when the nurses were receiving only \$840.00 annually.

Promotions are more prevalent now than before the war. It depends a great deal upon the nurses background educationally and her experience and post-graduate work.

Publicity: Concerning Army nurses. ~  
Army nurse song.

Radio programs: Keeps public informed and the news is authentic.

Posters of Army nurses: placed in public organ.

**B. Report of the Navy Nurse Corps**, by Captain Douser.

Legislation has been very slow in

deciding on the pay adjustments act and relative rank of Navy nurses. They are classed as commissioned officers.

The strength of the Corps is five times that of two years ago. More Navy nurses are stationed in the South Pacific than in the European waters. There are about 225 assignments for Navy nurses. They are badly needed to keep up the morale of the injured men.

The Cadet program in the Navy means that they are assigned to Navy Hospitals for three months. These hospitals are located along both Coast lines.

**C. Report of the Public Health**, by Miss McIvor.

Marine Hospitals and Public Health Stations are under the direct supervision of the Public Health Service. There are 25 Marine hospitals and 7 medical relief stations in which nurses are assigned.

There are 12 nurses and 1 dietitian at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Friedman Hospital at Washington, D.C., for colored nurses.

Marine Hospital at Sheeps' Head Bay, N.Y., opened in 1942. It has a staff of 48 nurses.

Immigration station at Gloucester, N.J., has one nurse.

Psychiatric: There are nurses stationed in 10 Federal Prisons.

There are 20 nurses in the Residence Hall for Women Employees in Washington, D.C.

Sr. Cadet Nurses are given a course in some of the Marine Hospitals, such as in Baltimore which accepted 6 nurses in May, 1944, on a 48 hour basis.

The Public Health Section: State Services under Miss McIvor was organized ten years ago with only one nurse in charge. At present there are several hundred employed as consultants to the State Health Departments.

Regular Health Consultants' duties are pushed aside for emergency war problems:

1. Housing areas now maintain nursing service. She teaches "Home Nursing" and there is also a 12 bed infirmary established to take care of epidemics and emergencies.

2. Rapid treatment centers are hospitals where syphilis and gonorrhea patients are given complete treatment in the shortest possible time. At present they are not quite as successful as was hoped for. There are about 100 nurses employed in this branch.

Due to the shortage of nurses it is not necessary to have a Public Health education to go into this branch of nursing.

#### **D. Nursing Service, U.S. Veterans Administration, By Miss Andrews.**

More nurses are needed in this branch of nursing due to:

1. Increased patient load.
2. Increase in number of psychiatric cases.
3. The Hospital Veterans' Administration is divided into 3 types:
  1. General Medical.
  2. Psychiatric.
  3. Tuberculosis.

Some hospitals have mixed services and are equipped to take care of emergencies of any other branch. It is planned by the Government to build separate hospitals which specialize in any of the three above mentioned classes. Due to the shortage of graduate nurses they are establishing an affiliation with some schools of nursing. Besides helping out in taking care of the patients it has increased incentive to join. There are 154 Sr. cadet nurses now being used in Veterans' Hospitals: Hines' Hospital was the first hospital to use the Sr. Cadet Nurses.

The Women Veterans are taken care of at Hines (27 Beds)

Dayton, Ohio  
Florida  
California

Psychiatric women veterans are taken care of at Palo Alto, California, Perry Point, Maryland and some at Tuscaloosa. Others are put into Civilian Hospitals which are under contract between the Government and the Civilian Hospital. New York has a large section for general and medical center. The special hospitals are the ones which are for patients who have an extensive treatment. (Psychiatric)

Private Duty Meeting, Tuesday A.M., June 6th, 1944.

Discussion on Procurement and Assignment from the Private Duty Angle.

National Procurement and Assignment Meeting in Washington last year.

Report: Informal. Criteria for P.D. nurses was established in Washington. Discussion:

Important to take back to every P.D. nurse a correction of the mistaken idea about Procurement and Assignment. Procurement and Assignment never did consider private duty as a non-essential service. All who are eligible for military service nursing should be classified as 1-A. Those not available should give a minimum of care to civilian population who are critically ill. The classification is not compulsory in any way but is established to regulate the required number in the service and those necessary for civilian care. The March issue of the American Nursing Journal gives an article on Procurement and Assignment.

The War Man Power Commission in your community can help you if you wish to change your position and you have difficulty being relieved.

#### **Red Cross Report**

Joint Meeting of the A.N.A. was held at the Buffalo Memorial Hall on Tuesday Evening, June 6, 1944. At this meeting Miss Virginia M. Dunbar, R.N. who is assistant director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, gave a report for Miss Beard who is at present in London.

Report:

Who should the nurse turn to when she returns from the war and returns to peace? There will be 50,000 nurses returning from the service and prompt and effective action will be necessary to handle this situation effectively. It



will be necessary to turn to National Organizations for the post-war settlement of difficulties of nurses returning. The Red Cross will be called upon to 1. Be a help to returning nurses through nursing organizations.

2. Explain Government information of benefits and this information to be passed on to nursing organizations.

3. Scholarships given to returning nurses. Public Health.

4. Navy nurse Corps and Army Nurse Corps looked to the Red Cross for recruitment of nurses and they also look to them for help after they return in helping them to adjust themselves in desired branches of work.

A plan approved by the A.N.A., State organization and Red Cross Chapter: Nurses must teach laity "Home Nursing." Each nurse is responsible in helping lay people take care of themselves and the community. There is a definite decrease in the number of people taking the "Home Nursing" Course due to women being busy in active war work and the lack of fear of bombing. There are 2600 instructors who work continually for improved methods of instruction:

1. Combining professional and laymans' activity in class.

2. A new plan of 6 lessons in care of sick. Basic lesson. 23000 nurses were enrolled last year. The recruitment of student nurses depends on personal contacts with eligible nurses and publicity.

Diaster Nursing of the Red Cross: Last April due to flood and tornadoes was found to be one of the most active months. There were many injured and 162 who were killed.

Red Cross Public Health Services are established in camps and war plant areas to supplement the local Public Health Service. Where one nurse was sufficient before the war 52 nurses are now necessary on the staff.

Red Cross Volunteer Aides: There are 170,000 women enrolled. 135,000 women now have completed the course which consists of 150 hours of hospital work. When they have completed the course they may leave the Red Cross and accept jobs with compensation, this is to enable women to use their abilities where they will accomplish most. Some Army Hospitals

have employed women completing this course depending upon the personnell practices of the hospital.

Red Cross has also sponsored Inter-American Scholarships.

Foreign Assignment, Hawaii Office of Civilian Defense.

Red Cross Health Service personnell in England.

Red Cross helpful in time of war and also in peace times especially if a great disaster should occur at home.

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National Nursing Council for War Service, by Mrs. E. Wickenden, Executive Secretary.

The National Nursing Council for War Service is composed of Local and State Councils. It was organized four years ago. It is organized to take care of war nursing problems. A great deal of cooperation has been gained. The profound experiences of the last 3 years has resulted in more perfection. Both the Student Cadet Corps and the Procurement and Assignment programs have been outgrowths of this project. The actual execution of plans are carried on by nurses in our own state and local body even though they are financed by the Federal Government. Committees of the National Council must be composed of all elements concerned, that is nurses, layman and they must all cooperate.

The Bolton Act is very successful and is solely a nursing accomplishment.

The Clearing Bureau answered over 219,000 queries from prospective students last year.

The College Project is to be repeated this Fall.

The National Committee for Classification takes care of the nursing service distribution. It has been one of the most important of the Women's services of the War Man Power Commission. The Council has accomplished:

1. Student Recruitment.
2. Procurement and Assignment.
3. Square deal for Negro Nurses.
4. Practical Nurses, Schools for them.
5. Nurses' Aides.
6. War time distribution of Nurses.

A resolution was sent to the Army and Navy that equal consideration be

given to Negro nurses. There are only 200 Negro nurses in the Army and none in the Navy as they refuse to accept them. As yet, no change has been made in the rules. The Council also seeks to improve educational facilities for the Negro nurses and they hope to see these restrictions removed in the very near future.

**Practical nurses:** The necessity for second level nursing should be met in an organized way. Such a plan is under progress.

The Student Recruitment is also carried on by general educational board.

**Post War Planning:** Boards are being asked to approve a committee to provide a co-ordinating group concerned with post-war nursing for Army and Navy Nurses.

**Re-adjustment after the War:**

1. Soldiers who are sent back to our hospitals.

2. Blue print showing education, place of employment, and remuneration for nurses when they return. Other organizations are also helping in taking care of this problem. The A.N.A. should vote for a "National Nursing Planning Committee" to be kept for the next five years. We want for returning nurses an orderly post war world.

3. De-mobilization brings on the fear of the unknown of the future. Nurses have a reputation of being unafraid. Among us there are nurses whose lack of cooperation can be traced to a fear of the future.

### Joint Meeting of the A.N.A.

Wednesday Evening, 6-7-44

**Report** on "Procurement and Assignment," War Manpower Commission," by L. Louise Baker, R.N., Assistant Executive Officer.

Procurement and Assignment was established for two reasons:

1. Procure nurses for need of the Armed forces.
2. Establish equitable distribution of Civilian nurses.

It was established through the War Manpower Commission. In 1942 the supply and distribution of nurses was an acute problem. July 1, 1943 this division began to function on a State and Local level. It was decided that

nurses should be present on all committees concerned with this problem.

Committee on Procurement and Assignment is usually composed of 5 nurses, 1 lay person and 1 hospital director. In establishing a criteria it was decided no discrimination was to be made against any group. It had to be decided which branches of nursing were most essential. To date 97,000 nurses have been classified. Forty states are classifying nurses and notifying the Red Cross which nurses are available. It is an essential job and has helped stabilize nursing service. It is the earnest hope of the committee that the war time nursing needs which they are trying to meet is going to carry into the peace-time program.

"Division of Nurse Education, U.S. Public Health Service" **Report** by Miss Lucile Petry, R. N.—Director.

The Cadet Nurse Corp. was formed last July—1943. It was created as an emergency agency in the U. S. Public Health Service. The purpose of the Bolton Act was to produce more nurses more rapidly so more nursing needs can be met. It makes available for the first time Federal aid for the education of nurses to eligible women.

This plan has received the whole hearted co-operation of most of the training schools of the country. There are 1065 of the total 1300 schools who are participating in the nurse cadet-program which cuts the curriculum to to 30 months in place of the 36. Their last 6 months are being spent wherever they are most needed.

There are many problems facing the schools who establish this program:

1. Acceleration of professional preparation.
2. Scarcity of instructional personnel.
3. Avoiding repetition in the curriculum.
4. Lack of housing facilities.

Advantages:

1. Avoiding repetition in the curriculum.
2. Affiliation with other schools has eased the housing shortage and has broadened the students' training.



3. Nursing care is distributed among patients where these students are affiliating.

In some hospitals where the housing shortage was acute the Senior Cadet nurses were either sent to army hospitals for advanced training or placed in private homes. Transportation allowances have been paid in this program if the students had to live out. Twenty to thirty per cent of most of the teaching positions are vacant. Important to prepare more instructors and make more of them available.

The challenge given to us to provide nursing service at home and on the war fronts is being met. 65,000 students will be enrolled by June 1944. We hope to have 60,000 in 1945.

The State Board Examiners have been untiring in giving their aid to this program. The program for next year is planned and means much hard work ahead.

Post Graduate courses and more affiliations should help the nurse distribution problem.

Federal Funds are available for more stream-lined courses. These do not take the place of University courses but do prepare the unprepared nurse to better qualify for the job she is to occupy. U. S. Public Health Service is not anxious to get nurses out fast but to better prepare the nurses she has at present.

Psychiatric nursing is very important at present due to the number of service men who are returning daily. The experience gleaned in psychiatric nursing is applicable to all nursing fields. Psychiatric affiliation provides education and service. A field of almost

immeasurable opportunities for advancement. Field work is included in their course for psychiatry. Columbia Univ. and 3 other universities are now offering this training.

It is planned that there will be 12,000 Senior Cadet nurses by July 1st. By June 30th of 1945 the number is expected to be 24,000.

The slogan of the Cadet is "Recruit; Expand, and Distribute.

Recruiting—National, State, Local Councils,

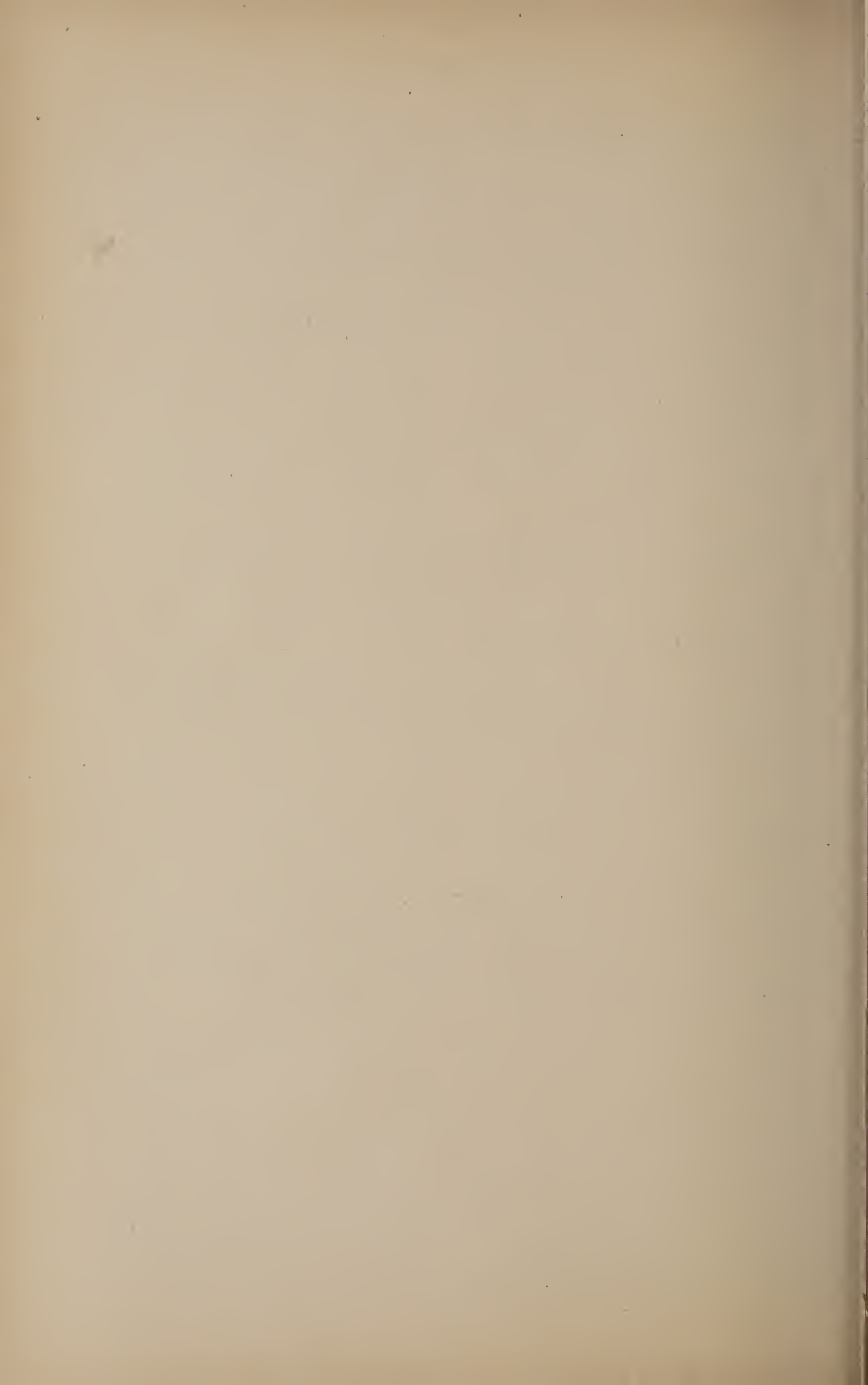
Expansion—of schools. Crux of of whole program.

Distribution—of service by means of affiliation in the Cadet period.

The committees of the Cadet program keep up the standards of the plan by continually studying the school credentials. Each training school is obligated to keep up the quality of the school in order to continue to receive Federal aid.

The policy of terminating membership in the Cadet Nurse Corps: It is honorary and inability to complete the course by the student does not necessitate the return of funds the Government has given. The moral obligation on the other hand is not to be undervalued. But if a student re-enters the Corps the Central Division of the Nurse Education of the U. S. Public Health is to be notified immediately.

The publicity for the cadet nurse corps program is handled by a public relations specialist. The following have been various methods of getting news of the Corps before the public: Programs on the radio—1 file posters and National induction ceremony.





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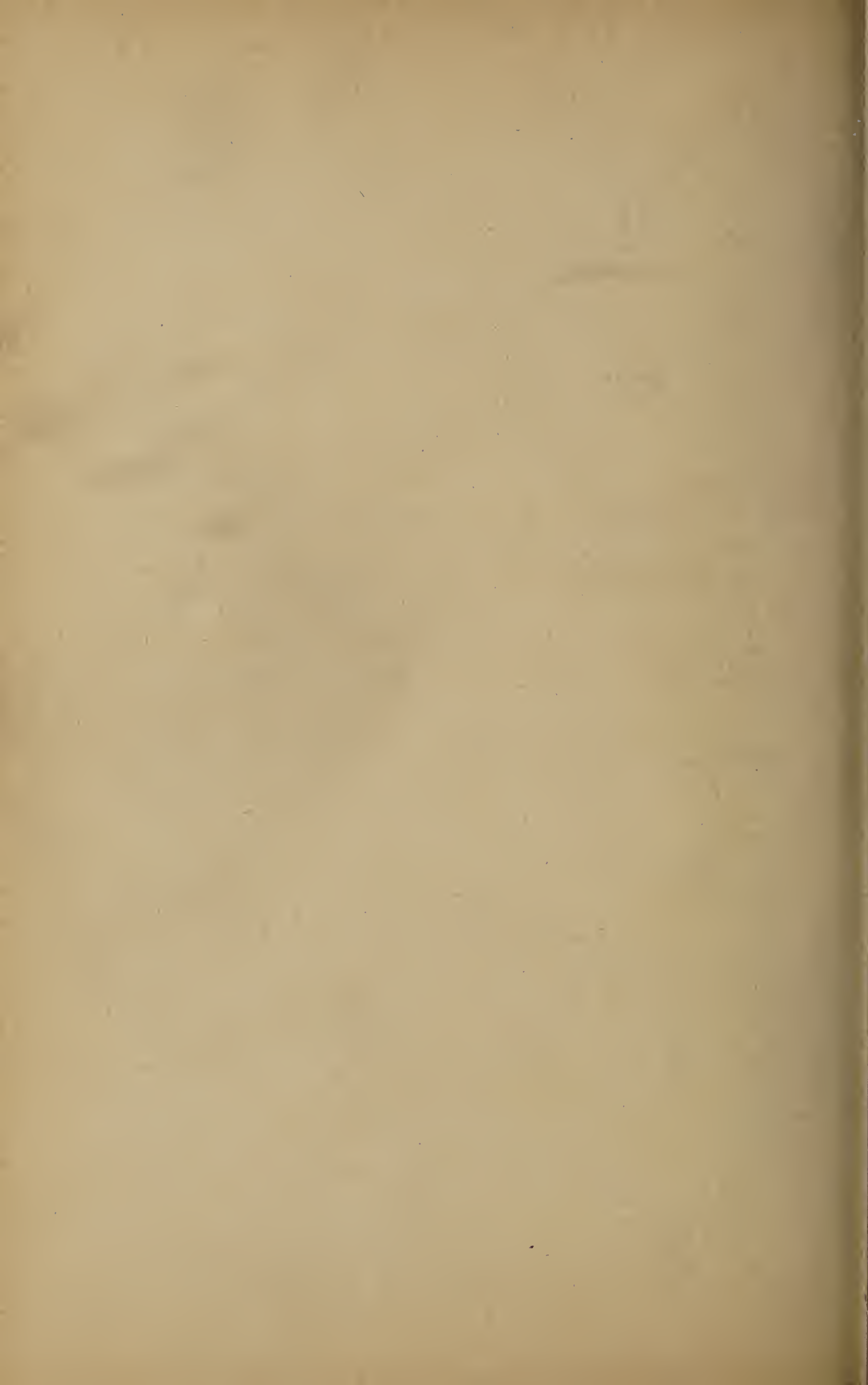
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## Alumnae Pledge



### An Assurance of Loyalty

With understanding of and the belief in the aims and purposes of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, I do solemnly affirm, that I will endeavor, by my daily life and service, to honor always the profession of which I am a member.



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## Greetings . . . Christmas 1944

St. Luke 2:10-14. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. \*\*\* And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I wished there were some new way to say "Merry Christmas" but I am thankful there isn't. The spirit of Christmas is as simple as the heart of a child and needs no new slogan and no special sales effort. It is as elemental as the sun and the wind and rain, as the stars that glowed on Galilee one holy night and now shed their same steady light on an older and perhaps a wiser world. The joy in a child's eyes on Christmas morning is the joy that has filled the eyes of children since Christmas became an annual institution. Back of the gifts and the gaiety is an immemorial spirit of good will to men. Yes, Christmas is still Christmas. In a world awry with changes, let us give thanks for one precious permanency, and we know that the long ago given promise of peace and good will to man can be a reality and will be a reality when all men believe the promise and follow the teachings of Him on Whose shoulder rested a dove—the symbol of Peace.

So to all—at home and abroad, let me, in the old-fashioned way say from all of us to each one of you "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR".

## Annual summary of the President of the Alumnae Association for 1944

Attendance at meetings of the Association remained low, but an effort was made to interest the younger nurses. In February, the 1944 class was invited to attend the regular meeting of the Association and a symposium on "What It Means To Be an Alumnae Member" was presented by members of the Board. A chorus of four students gave several songs. This attempt to reach the students is in agreement with the district, which urges alumnae associations to hold special meetings with the senior students. The student body was also invited to hear Lt. Col. Martha Jane Clement, Chief, Nursing Division, Sixth Service Command, at the regular meeting in September. The 1944 Class was also invited to the annual Buffet Supper held in May, in Schweppe House. At this time, also, music was furnished by the student chorus.

Total membership as of October 1, was 855. Associate and non-resident members 510; active 345; New members 65. Four of our members have passed away. There are 175 members in service against 135 of last year; approximately 77 members overseas.

The following appointments were made to fill vacancies occurring on the Board: Ruth Kirkham replaced Roma Singer as member-at-large for 1944-45. Leila Bostwick replaced Geraldine Hartwell as member-at-large and also chairman of the Scholarship and Educational Loan Fund Committee for 1944-45. Alma Brehm replaced Frances Campbell as member-at-large for 1944, and later Ida Gindele replaced Alma Brehm for the remainder of the year. Elsa Rudolph replaced Georgiana Kelly, Chairman of the Program Committee for 1944. Bonnie Versteeg replaced Jessie Lawrie as Chairman of the Relief Committee for 1944.

This year puts into effect the beginning of the fiscal year on November 1 instead of January 1. It is hoped this will iron out some of the delay in receiving auditors' reports and assist the

Treasurer in starting her year's work. The membership year remains the same, January 1 to January 1, as members are allowed to join at any time during the year; so the books can go on as usual.

The Association voted, this year, to ask nurses in Service to retain membership as active members rather than non-resident; this is a request from the A.N.A. and the purpose is to avoid joining different districts as they move about the country. Members may also belong to the A.N.A. without joining through their Alumnae Association.

Changes in by-laws were, briefly: 1. Any nurse graduating after January 1, 1945, applying for membership to the Alumnae Association, St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, must be currently registered, except tentative members. 2. Alumnae dues were raised 50 cents per capita. 3. An Industrial Nursing Committee was added to the Board.

The Margaret Edith Johnstone Memorial Rooms have been in use by the hospital for outside patients. This is in accordance with the contract, which states that in an emergency the rooms may be used, providing the hospital furnish rooms of like character for use of nurses when needed. The hospital Board feels this is an emergency, when many patients are turned away for lack of beds. This will be done only while such an emergency exists.

Four special committees were in action this past year.

1. Historical Souvenir Committee—Miss Harriet Fulmer, Chairman. Purpose is to collect data and historical souvenirs from any member so that the history of the Alumnae may be preserved.

2. Service Plaque Committee—Mrs. Ida Keating, Chairman. Two plaques were purchased, matching those already in the Michigan Lobby, of black background and names of nurses in Service in gold lettering. There are



175 names on it and there is still room for 25 more. Cost of plaques—\$346.00.

3. Gifts to Nurses Overseas—Miss Mary Hind, Chairman. With the help of her committee, 77 packages were made up and shipped to overseas nurses, all done in one month's time at a cost of \$225.00. The main article of interest in the packages was a pair of hand-knit bed socks. Cards were sent to all nurses in Service in this country.

4. A Committee to study tentative membership—Miss Madeleine McConnell, Chairman. Their question was whether to enroll senior students before graduation.

Mrs. Ruth McCarthy was sent as a delegate to the Biennial Convention held in Buffalo in June. A complete report was given at the October Alumnae meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Slimmer was asked to attend the State Convention held in Chicago in November.

Contributions: The third \$1000 of our pledge was paid to the Building Fund for the Schweppe Home. \$200.00 was sent to First District for Weeks of Free Care Fund for nurses cottage at Naperville. \$25.00 membership in the Central Council for Nursing Education. \$25.00 toward the scholarship for the student nurse receiving the highest scholastic standing for 1944. \$5000.00 in bonds from the savings fund were purchased.

This report makes no mention of the hours and days of service contributed to the war effort by nurses, obviously because it is impossible to enumerate such contributions, but I am sure it would amount to many hundreds of dollars and untold numbers of hours and all this in as many different ways and to as many different causes.

I should like to thank the board members who have served during my four years as President and the faithful ones of the Alumnae, who are always considerate and willing to pinch-hit or help out in an emergency. My years as President have taught me a great deal both in organization work and in personnel work. It is here that one learns to adjust to different personalities. The work has been arduous, but interesting, and I predict some difficult adjustments for the future, but I am sure all will be ironed out by the far-seeing nurses of this Alumnae. I shall always be glad to help in any way I can, as I feel that those who have preceeded can give valuable assistance to those who follow, and it is to that end that the Board has been aiming by adding some of the younger nurses to the Board and impressing them with the need for education along organization lines.

Again I express my appreciation to all of you for your cooperation.

MARY EVERETT, President.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee held a meeting in January to try to plan a budget for 1944. As our income for the year was not enough to cover expenses, a meeting was held in November, at which time it was recommended that the Alumnae dues be raised 50 cents in order to balance our budget for the coming year. After the November Alumnae meeting, when the dues were raised, the budget for 1945 was

planned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hind.

### Report of the Public Health Committee

The Public Health Committee obtained the speaker for the October meeting of the Association. Miss Joan Ziano, Industrial Nurse Consultant for the Illinois State Health Department gave a very interesting talk on the

qualifications and duties of an Industrial Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Smith.

### Report of Membership Committee

Total applications December 1943 to December 1944 .....	86
Tentative Active .....	19
Active .....	36
Non-resident .....	15
Associate .....	0
Active Reinstatements .....	3
Non-resident Reinstatements .....	7
Associate Reinstatements .....	6

Respectfully submitted,  
S. F. Konecko, Chairman.  
Virginia Jonas.  
Dorothy Ritchie.

### Report of the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee

Inasmuch as there have been no applications for loans to the Scholarship and Loan Committee, I have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leila T. Bostwick, Chairman.

### Report of the Relief Committee

We have had 46 nurses in the Margaret Edith Johnstone Memorial rooms during 1944. They have used 565 hospital days, which left 530 hospital days not used. \$297.00 for overtime was paid to the Alumnae. Sick benefit was given to two nurses and a loan of \$100.00 was made to one nurse.

Those lost by death during 1944 were:

Miss Virginia Williams.....	Class of 1893
Mrs. Beatrice Wagner.....	Class of 1895
Miss Alice Muriel Gaggis.....	Class of 1897
Miss Mabel Wilder.....	Class of 1914
Miss Mable Tompkins.....	Class of 1915

The hospital has been using the Margaret Edith Johnstone Memorial rooms since November 10, 1944, for outside patients.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Versteeg.

### Report of the Program Committee

#### Programs provided for 1944.

- Total number of meetings—9.  
January 4, 1944—Just a social hour.  
Refreshments.  
February 1, 1944—Symposium "What It Means to Be An Alumnae Member."  
Participants and officers of Board of Directors.  
Refreshments.  
March 5, 1944—Program—Mr. Louis Gdalmann, Pharmacist, St. Luke's Hospital—Topic "Nature of Antibiotic Therapeutic Agents."  
Refreshments.  
April 4, 1944—Miss Elsie Farr "Intimate Little Chats of Original Verse."  
Refreshments.  
May Meeting—Entertainment of the Graduating Class.  
Buffet Supper.  
September 5, 1944—Lt. Col. Martha Jane Clement, Asst. Sup. Army Nurse Corps, Sixth Service Command.  
Senior Student Guests.  
Refreshments.  
October 3, 1944—Public Health Program—Miss Joanne Ziano.  
Topic "Duties of an Industrial Nurse."  
Refreshments.  
November 14, 1944—Miss Wilma Stevens, St. Luke's Hospital Educational Director. Topic "The U. S. Government Cadet Nurses Program."  
Refreshments.  
December 5, 1944—Business Meeting.  
Refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elsa Rudo'ph.

### Report of the Nominating Committee

During the past year, the Nominating Committee filled six vacancies on the Board of Directors. One meeting was held by the Committee in September at which time suggestions were made for the tentative ballot. The



following is the ballot accepted by the Alumnae members at the October meeting:

President.....	Ann Jones Laird
2nd Vice President.....	Mary Everett Vera Eskra Vonder
Treasurer.....	Edna Melby Travers
Relief Committee Chairman.....	
.....	Bonnie Eastburn Versteeg
Program Committee Chairman.....	
.....	Leona Brandt Vetran
Nominating Committee Chairman....	
.....	June Kelm Webb Eleanor Holmes
Public Health Committee Chairman	
.....	Hattie Gooch
Industrial Committee Chairman.....	
.....	Eve Morkill
Members-at-large .....	Emma Werner Bernice Carlson May Collins

1 to be elected for 2 years

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. Sanderson.

### Returns of Election

269 ballots cast	
26 invalid	
President—Ann Jones Laird.....	252
2nd Vice President—	
Mary Everett .....	214
Vera Eskra Vonder.....	51
Treasurer—Edna Melby Travers....	254
Relief Committee Chairman—	
Bonnie E. Versteeg.....	251
Program Committee Chairman—	
Leona Brant Vetran.....	250
Nominating Committee Chairman—	
Eleanor Holmes .....	136
June Kelm Webb.....	123
Public Health Committee Chair- man—Hattie Gooch .....	257
Industrial Committee Chairman—	
Eve Morkill .....	253
Members-at-large—	
Emma Werner .....	123
Bernice Carlson .....	62
May Collins .....	78

### Written votes:

Ruth McCarthy—President .....	1
Helen Rutherford—President.....	1
Myrtle Anderson—President .....	2
Mrs. La Vender—Public Health....	1
Editor's note: 855 ballots were mailed out—269 ballots were cast.	

There are only about 77 nurses overseas, in case their ballots were delayed—leaving a balance of 509 ballots that were thrown into the wastepaper basket. The least interest anyone can take in any club to which they belong is to mark the yearly ballot. There is something radically wrong when St. Luke's Hospital graduates take so little interest in their own club—the Alumnae—yet they want always for that Alumnae to uphold the wonderful reputation St. Luke's has always had in the Nursing Professional world. Think this over, Graduates. Aren't you ashamed of yourselves?

### Report of the Press and Publication Committee

During the year of 1944, we held one meeting. As soon as possible we made permanent "for the duration" the flag on the front cover of the Alumnae Journal. We have steadily increased in the number of copies needed and sent out and now we have a mailing list of about 950 Journals. We have some select individuals to whom we deemed it a kindness to send the Journal—such as Father Travis, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Hartsema, Mrs. Crocker, who is an honorary member and, since it has been decided to send the Journal to all tentative members, our list will increase. We have tried in every way to cut down expenses without lowering the quality of our publication.

I want to thank the members of my Committee for their help in gathering news—and special thanks to Mrs. Leona Fitzmaurice for her patient help in caring for the changes of address—a thankless job—but a very necessary one. I want to thank every Alumnae member who has sent in news and last, but not least, I want to thank Mary Everett, our out-going president, for her patience and help during my first year as Editor—a brand new field to me and hope she will give us advice and help as the occasion demands in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Madlaine H. Hopkins.

## Out-Going — In-Coming

A fond farewell to the out-going officers. On behalf of every member of the Alumnae may the Journal extend thanks to each of you for your good work in and for the Association. You have done a good job and are worthy of the highest praise. Especially do we say thank you to Mary Everett who has shouldered the responsibilities of the President's chair for the past four years. You have been very capable, have weathered many a stormy session and have helped to make many improvements and kept St. Luke's moving forward. Most of us do not realize the thankless job the President has, but those of us who have been on the Board know that the President is in the way of all unpleasant things that come up and, all too often, just out of range when praise is wafted on the winds.

To the in-coming officers we would say that the Alumnae welcomes you and pledges a united front to make the burden of office as pleasant and as light as possible. The loyalty of St. Luke's is behind you and is yours to uphold. Success in your—our—work!

## Important Notice

The Press and Publication Committee is beginning to feel the steely fingers of restriction stretching out from the rush of war work. The company that makes up new name plates for the addressograph people require two months now to make plates on changes of address. You see where that leaves us. We simply cannot keep up with all your moves. We ask those of you who know you will be unsettled for the duration of the war to please give us your home address or some "permanent" address—as far as possible. We know your family will be glad to cooperate with us and forward your Journal to you.

It is almost impossible for us to let the plate company have our list for two months—because every once in a while the list has to be "pulled back" for other addressographing

work. During November and December the addressograph company sent the list in to have plates made. Along came the ballott—the list had to be pulled back in order to have the cards sent out. The list went back to the plate people. Then came the Xmas party announcements—same story. In between that time, they had to pull the list back for the Alumnae meeting announcement, I guess. Anyway, it was "pulled back" three times—and no new plates could be made. Now it is time for the Journal to go out and a long list will have to be addressed on the typewriter—adding to the cost of the Journal to the Alumnae. We know you will understand this and will cooperate by sending permanent address, as far as possible, before January 20, 1945, and my blessings on you if you do!—Editor.

## Wedding Bells May Their Peals Always Be Musical



Announcements have been made here of the marriage of Dorothy Maxberry, Class of 1942, to Capt. James Juett on Saturday, November 4, at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The double ring ceremony was performed in the post chapel by Chaplain Frederick W. Helfer.

The chapel was decorated with autumn leaves and the altar was banked with chrysanthemums and fernery. The bride was attired in a powder blue wool jersey dress trimmed with sequins and brilliants. Her accessories were black and she carried a bouquet of white roses and baby mums.

Mrs. Phil Cutchin of Columbus, Ga., matron of honor, wore a cream color



wool jersey dress with brown accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Capt. Robert O'Brien of the U.S.M.C. served as best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Chickasaw Club in Columbus. Mrs. Juett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Maxberry of Wickliffe, is a graduate of the Wickliffe High School and St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago. Capt. Juett is a graduate of Wickliffe High School and Murray State College. He received his commission at Quantico, Va., in January of 1942 and served twenty-seven months in the South Pacific. He returned to the States in October. At present he is taking Advanced Officers' Training at Fort Benning.

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Sylvia Sward, Class of 1941, and Dr. Robert K. Purves were married in St. Luke's Chapel, Grace Church, on October 26th, 1944.

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Suzanne Hodges, Class of 1943, was the recent bride of Dr. Wherry, former St. Luke's intern. Suzanne joins her husband at the Mayo Clinic.

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Virginia Dieck, Class of 1942, and William J. Rhinehart were married on October 7, 1944 in Grace Chapel.

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Virginia Fallon, Class of 1939, and William J. McKeough were married on September 30, 1944.

A man seated in the diner of a Pullman car summoned the waiter and told him that he wanted to order a big, juicy sirloin steak smothered with onions. The waiter stood in amazement for a minute, finally replied, "What is that, sir, your Postwar Plan?"

For failing to vote in an election in Cuba, a citizen may now be fined as much as \$500.

What is intended as a little white lie often ends up as a double feature in technicolor.

Restaurant sign: PLEASE PAY IF SERVED.

## New Citizens— Congratulations!



Born to Ens. and Mrs. John Slater (Katherine Wilkinson, Class 1941) a baby girl, Florence Lynne, on November 27, 1944.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Reeder, Jr. (Margene Draves, Class of 1939) a baby boy, George David, November 9, 1944.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. DeMott (Augusta Heldt, Class of 1936), a boy, James Ellsworth, September 14, 1944 at Seaside Hospital in Long Beach, Cal.

Born to Mabel Lambacher Wilson, Class of 1929, a baby boy, on November 17, 1944.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Zbigniew Kosicki (Josephine Moss, Class of 1943) a baby boy on November 7, 1944.

Dr. and Mrs. Z. B. Campbell, Jr. (Frances Miller, Class of 1942), are the proud parents of a son, Jay Curtis, age two months.

Born to Capt. and Mrs. Charles F. Fogarty (Wilma Wells, Class of 1941), a baby boy, Charles Michael, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, on September 18, 1944.

Born to Joyce Mathieu Groh, Class of 1941, a baby boy on October 11, 1944.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Milo Schosser (Ruth Uebler, Class of 1940), a baby boy on August 10, 1944.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Beeson (Barbara Neal, Class of 1939), a baby boy, John Neal, on May 16, 1944.

## MARCH OF TIME

1898

Forty-two years of hospital work in Minneapolis comes to a close for **Susan Holmes**, superintendent of Abbott hospital since the year after it was established. She will retire to make her home in Milwaukee.

Setting a record in years of service for hospital executives in Minnesota, Miss Holmes has seen the hospital grow from a 15-bed establishment with 10 employes to a 160-bed hospital with a staff of 420.

**During all of that time she has lived in the hospital, on call day and night.**

Miss Holmes came to Minneapolis shortly after graduating from St. Luke's hospital in Chicago.

"Just the year before, Dr. Amos W. Abbott had opened his hospital at 10-12 E. Seventeenth street" she said Saturday. "I was the only graduate nurse and wasn't joined by others until the Dunwoody building was built in 1911."

**Nurses were on the job until their work was done in those days, she said, but the usual schedule for nurses and students was 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Abbott hospital now consists of three buildings, the Janney building, built in 1921, and the Wyman in 1938. Westminster Presbyterian church took over the hospital in 1924.

Victor Anderson, hospital manager, will become administrator on Miss Holmes' retirement and Ethel M. Wise, for five years assistant superintendent of Asbury hospital and more recently director of the school of nursing at Blessing hospital, Quincy, Ill., will become superintendent.

Members of the board of trustees of Westminster church honored Miss Holmes at a dinner at Minikahda club and she was guest of honor at a dinner given by the hospital's medical staff.

1908

**Margaret A. Buckley** has left the Newport Hospital where she taught Public Health Nursing to student nurses and has accepted a position on the staff of the Suffolk County Health Department with headquarters at Islip, N. Y. She says: "I arrived at St. Lukes 39 years ago today (November 26)—Happy, busy years!"

1913

A letter to your editor from **Mrs. Bertha Walden Clayton** says: "What a pleasure it is to receive the "Alumnae" with your news and comments. I sit down and read every word before doing anything else. So interesting to hear about nurses in Service and all the others. Wish the nurses graduated the years between 1910 and 1918 would write telling all about themselves and families. So little news in between these dates.

I supervised at Anna State Hospital and was sorry to leave psychiatric nursing as I was so needed, but our daughters were through college and I felt that I must be at home. Betty is a WAVE now in San Francisco and Frances is doing war work in Anniston, Ala. Wish I could be near enough to attend your Alumnae meetings. Hope to be there for Commencement services in June.

Thank you for making the "Alumnae" such nice reading for those of us who do nothing. Best wishes."

1918

**Edna M. Lowe** writes: "My Alumnae Journal was received the other day and, as usual, was read from cover to cover and then over again. I spent the Summer with my sister in a cottage at North Beach, Hampton, N. H. and it was a delightful four months. We were there during the hurricane in September but we did not suffer from it other than having the lights out for several days.

I get very homesick at times for Chicago and all the nice people out



there and hope I can be back there some day."

1923

Word from **Mrs. Rosaellen Churchill Michael** says: "We have bought a small place in the country. We are going to raise chickens and have fresh vegetables and fruits and berries, in season, for ourselves and others. We are quite thrilled with the idea and the "Latch String" is always out for anyone from St. Luke's who comes our way." The Curvin Michael family have moved to Geddes Road, R. R. 6, Rockford, Illinois.

1929

Word has reached us that **Lt. Stella Weidman** is a patient in the Gardner Memorial Hospital. We hope she will soon be well and able to resume her duties. I know that she is anxious to get back to work and "see this thing through."

1930

A letter from **Ens. Gretchen M. Wilson**, N.N.C., says: Am now at the Naval Dispensary, Peer 91, Seattle, Washington. I was transferred here in July from Mare Island and, frankly, I don't like it but here I am so will try to do the best I can. To me, Seattle is a most uninteresting city and I shall be glad when I move on. Am working in a dispensary now and most of our patients are boys from the pre-commissioning school who have catarrhal fever and tonsillitis. We have a bed capacity of only 32 here as our work is supposed to be emergency care only but it seems to be all "fouled up" once in a while and makes a hospital out of it.

I do enjoy the Alumnae very much and look forward to each issue. I notice you had an item about Erma Mathis (1929) being in Camp Barkley, Texas. She is now in the Regional Hospital, Pasadena, Cal., so is at her own back door. I recently had leave and visited her there. Also hear from Lt. Alma Ruckdashel (Class 1929) once in a while and she has had many interesting experiences in the European Theatre. Seems to be happy.

**Pearl Wittmack**, in charge of the Orthopedic Department, was called home because of the serious illness of her mother. We are glad to note that she is again on duty in the Department.

1931

Word has reached us that **Lt. Margaret Scofield** is a patient at the Gardner Memorial Hospital. We hope she will be able to resume her duties soon.

**Mrs. Rosellyn Kelly Millis** was conspicuous by her absence. We hope her father-in-law soon will be well enough for Rosellyn to be with us again. Myrtle Anderson has done a good job of pinch-hitting, but we still miss you at the meetings.

Lt. Irene Tilton says that she was transferred to the Station Hospital at New Orleans on December 8 and is on duty in the Chief Nurses Office just as she was at Wm. Beaumont. Says she has always wanted to go to New Orleans and is sure she will like it very much. She has had dinner at the famous Antoinettes already. We are sure Irene will like the old French Quarter and will enjoy her stay in New Orleans.

1933

**Marion Keck Fry** and her husband Dr. Norman Fry were in Chicago recently when Dr. Fry attended a medical meeting. Marion has two lovely children, a boy and a girl, and lives in California.

**Lt. Mary Stone**—somewhere in England—is the first with Xmas Greetings. She says: "I have no Christmas cards this year so am just sending my best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am scheduled for a furlough in the States but, since it is not compulsory, I think I will refuse it, because when I get back I don't think I will ever want to leave the country again. The girls with the longest service out here are put on the detached service on a hospital ship and then given a rest for about 7-10 days. The chance of being a hospital ship's nurse is having a great

pull on me. Would love the experience."

### 1936

**Mrs. Paul Stoudt** (Erma Jean Lehman) is in Grand Island, Nebr., teaching at the hospital. Her husband is in the Air Corps.

**Mrs. Ralph Hansen** (Jude Dodge) is in Corpus Christi, Texas, with her husband who is in the Army.

**Mrs. Cotter** (Alice Amanda Anderson) is doing industrial nursing in East Chicago, Ind., while her husband, Dr. E. Cotter, is with the Army.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ross Madden** (Peg Willie) and sons, James and Warren, recently moved from Missouri to Maryland.

**Mrs. Regula Struebling Britton** is in Soap Lake, Washington. Dr. Britton is Flight Surgeon and will soon leave for overseas duty. Mrs. Britton and children will then move to Pasadena, California.

### 1937

Margaret Faulkner writes: "For the past eighteen months I have been moving around so often my family have had quite a time keeping the Alumnae up with me. The main difficulty was that they read it first and sometimes forgot to send it on to me until I asked for it. Now they will have to wait.

I have been on the Itinerant Staff of the American National Red Cross, teaching Home Nursing classes in rural areas from Texas to Montana and North Dakota. In September I became a member of the staff of the Camp Community Emergency Nursing Service of the American Red Cross. Our service is established in communities that are near Army installations and because of the influx of soldiers' families have outgrown the existing health facilities, if any.

Braggs was a peaceful little town of about 400 people until Camp Gruber was built adjoining it. Now there are several times that many people. Most of them are soldiers' families. They

live in one room shacks without any conveniences at all.

My work with the Red Cross is the Bedside Nursing Program, but because the County Health Department is so short of Nursing Personnel, I carry out their program in my territory. I have a generalized program and am enjoying it very much.

My office was formerly the minister's study. When there was no other place available for the nurse, the minister moved out and let us move in. The room is heated by stove. A school boy makes the fire every morning for me but I must keep it going all day. If I have a large number of calls, I have to stop several times at the office to put in more coal so the place will be warm for office hours.

I'll be looking for the Alumnae to come to me first after this. I really do enjoy it very much."

### 1938

**Lt. Kathryn Portz** writes: "This letter will not be too newsy as I'm so "bushed" these days. We are terribly busy and really haven't felt like doing a thing. When we do about 60 to 90 operations per day, that is about all I can take. There doesn't seem to be a breathing spell in sight yet, but if—and when—I'll really tear loose. Saw Katherine Cornell and Brian Aherne in "Barretts of Wimpole Street" last night on the stage. Was really a treat to see a "legit" after three years or more. It was like being a civilian again to really see an excellent play and an excellent cast."

**Lt. Betty Bradford**, also with the 12th General, writes: "We have done a good deal of sight-seeing and window shopping. The prices are so outrageous that we can scarcely afford to even look. Stockings priced at \$5.50 and sweaters run from \$25 to \$55. They have beautiful lingers, but 'way beyond our means."

**Lt. Irene Bleifuss** was in Chicago on a brief leave before going overseas. She has been stationed at Buckley Field, Denver.



1940

A letter from **Margaret (Peggy) Saxe Eggleston** says: "In the last Alumnae, which I read, as usual, from cover to cover with great interest and enjoyment, I found a note requesting news from some of us. Here goes!

Like Ann Lipinski (1940) I haven't been working since last October, as Lt. Stanley G. Eggleston and I were married in August of 1943 in Marysville, California, when I was employed in a Clinic as surgical office nurse and lab. technician. Imagine wading into lab. work with only what we were taught in training! However, there was a "shortage" and I discovered it is not hard and is very interesting. Shortly after we were married, the Army took over our "Fate." We were sent to various posts with the accompanying horrible experiences army people usually run into—housing, etc. One June 20, 1944, my young daughter, June, arrived—literally "deep in the heart of Texas." We had just been informed of overseas orders for my husband and, although one always expects it, it is quite a shock when it comes, so June arrived a little early. In one way it was nice because otherwise her father would have missed seeing her even behind the glass. She is a darling baby and weighs fifteen pounds now. My husband is with the 3rd Army—General Patton's men—and so he has not even been able to see a picture of June. Most of my classmates probably remember my oldest daughter, Judith. She had been ill again and that is why we are living in California. She is practically a grown up young lady now and very well. California climate has done wonders for her. My husband's home is in San Francisco and we are living here now—waiting for him to come back. If it weren't for the awful fleas that overrun the city, I'd like it here very much. Well—one is never alone or idle—with a flea around.

My husband's family is almost a "nursing" one. His grandmother is inactive in nursing but two sisters are working. With such a large family

and almost all in the Service, the house is more like Grand Central Station than anything else. Always someone just arriving on leave—or leaving.

I still have time on my hands, with just two children and no house to take care of, so am planning to work four hours a day as soon as I recover from Texas. Words could not express living conditions we had then, plus the trip from there to here with a three-week old baby! We've had all the travelling we want for a long time, although several of us already have our names on travel lists for the time civilian travel may be resumed to Europe—just in case our husbands stay for occupation. That seems sort of premature, but if we are allowed to join our husbands, we aren't taking any chances of being too near the bottom of the list. Army travel teaches one "first come, first served" very well, just from our experiences in this country.

You have no idea how much I look forward to each issue of the Alumnae to see what everyone is doing. Compared to so many interesting things many of the girls are doing, my life seems very tame and of not much service, but my family has kept me fairly busy the last year, just taking care of them.

I surely appreciated the interest shown in asking for news of our activities, too. I have worked in quite a few hospitals and with quite a few doctors and wish to say that there's nothing that can "top" St. Luke's and its staff of Doctors and Nurses! Some of the things one sees are unbelievable. It truly makes one appreciate a grand hospital.

With best wishes to everyone I used to know."

**Mrs. Elizabeth Tomaszewski Kominnek** says she and her husband are now in Decatur, Illinois. She says: "Ran into a St. Luke's nurse, Ermele Cooley, Class of 1938, now Mrs. Fisher. I put my sterile technique into practice canning fruits and enjoying it."

1941

A letter from **Wilma Wells Fogarty** says: "I was discharged from the Army Nurse Corps on April 6, 1944 at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah. Will be with my husband, Capt. Charles F. Fogarty, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Shall devote my time to our new son. I enjoy the Alumnae very much."

1942

Friends of **Virdell Carr Brundage** will be glad for the following note from her: "My husband and I now own our own home—a darling little white house with red shutters—just outside the City of Kalamazoo. Our terrace overlooks acres of pastures where horses graze! Imagine that after Chicago! We have a sweet 3-month old puppy, too. (Its mother was a real Cocker but its father was non-descript) and he drinks water as it runs from the faucet.

Word has been received that **Ann Gentry, A.N.C.**, was on a ship near where Elaine Cooper and Louise Milne were stationed and couldn't go ashore!

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## Sympathy

St. Luke's Alumnae extends deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Decker (Helen Horning Class of 1936) of Kenosha, Wisconsin who lost their baby son, Wayne Francis, this summer.

Word from the Daughaday family tells us of the death of Miss Mabel E. Wilder, Class of 1914, on October 30 in the Evanston Hospital. Miss Wilder made her home with the Hamilton Daughaday's, 623 Spruce St., Winnetka, Illinois, for the past 27 years. Services were held on November 1, at Christ Church Chapel, Winnetka. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Lester Frankenthal, in the death of their son Lt. John Frankenthal, U.S.N.R., December 3, 1944. Lt. Frankenthal died in an airplane crash near Los Angeles. He was on his way home on leave after serving twenty-two months with the Seabees in the Pacific.

Mrs. Frankenthal (Annie Nourse '90) organized the Michael Reese School of Nursing and was its director until her marriage several years later. Dr. Frankenthal was a member of St. Luke's staff for many years.

We are glad Miss Harriet Fulmer attended the services and represented St. Luke's.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. William P. Hapgood and son Powers Hapgood, in the death of Alice Page Converse, Class of 1918. Miss Converse was the daughter of the late Peter Page, a pioneer Chicagoan, and the adopted daughter of John H. Converse of Philadelphia. After graduation from St. Luke's, Miss Converse organized the first Visiting Nurse Association at Columbus, Ohio, later serving as the organization's first Superintendent of Nurses. During World War I she served in France with the Red Cross. Surviving are her sister, Mrs. William P. Hapgood and her nephew, Powers Hapgood, both of Indianapolis, Ind.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Henry B. Ashton (Rita Castle, '22) in the death of her husband on December 7. Mr. Ashton is survived by his widow and four sisters.

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"LET THERE BE LIGHT." If we wish to make a new world, we have the materials ready. The first one was made out of chaos.—Robert Quillen,

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An egotist is not a man who thinks too much of himself; he is a man who thinks too little of other people.

In faults men are much like; in good qualities they differ.

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This is about the Scotsman whose friends failed to rouse him one New Year's morning. To all their efforts he had the same doleful reply: "It canna be dune! It canna be dune! Irritated, they asked: "What canna be dune?" He replied, "Ye canna have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



## Announcements

By vote of the Alumnae Association on November 7, 1944, there will be an increase in the dues beginning January 1, 1945, as follows:

Entire dues increased \$.50—from \$6.75 to \$7.25 a year.

\$2.50 of this will go to the Alumnae, \$4.75 is paid to the District which includes dues to the State and National Organization.

Non-resident and associate members will pay \$2.50 instead of \$2.00.

Please make out checks or money orders to: Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. Please pay your dues as near the first of the year as possible — Help the Treasurer!

Some pay their dues when due

Some when overdue

Some never do

When will you?

Tentative members must send in their State Registration numbers as soon as they are received so their names may be transferred to the regular membership list of the Alumnae. The following names are some who have been tentative members and have not yet turned in numbers of State registration. All others—if any of you regular members know them—should be urged to send their State numbers in at once.

Joyce Fitch, 1517 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Catherine Ann Nyhan, 8627 S. Loomis Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Betty May Borchardt, 1828 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Betty Nan Getschow, 1500 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Norma E. Buchan Zundel, 1117 N. Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, Ill.

Lenora Fisher, Ingleside P. O. Long Lake, Ill.

To the Class of 1920: Next year, 1945, is your twenty-fifth reunion year. You have a large class and will want to get together in full force. Send your latest address to "Becky" Riley at 715 Brompton Place, Chicago, Illinois, so you may be contacted and re-

ceive further information for plans for your reunion. Do it now while it is fresh in your minds.

It is a grand thing to be Editor of the Alumnae! I have greatly enjoyed it all through this year. However, it does take cooperation from each one. If you have news of others, please pass it on—through the Alumnae Journal—to others. If you have no news of others, please let us hear about you. I greatly appreciate the letters from those who accepted my invitation to write to tell us about themselves, families and work. I invite all the rest of you to send in tid-bits—and letters so we may all keep in touch with you.

Remember to send all changes of address to Mrs. Leona Fitzmaurice, 5749 N. Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and your letters, announcements, etc. to me by the 20th of January for the February issue. We cannot get your Journal to YOU if we have the wrong address!

## HERE AND THERE

Several St. Luke's nurses are on duty at the Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. Among them are Annette Van Gorder, Margaret Cooper and Blanche Elfick, the latter as a civilian nurse. Rae Theile was there, also, but was recently sent to Texas.

Some of our nurses on duty with the Navy at San Diego, California, are Lorine Ostrom, Mary Freesh and Maryanne Harrington. At present they are "camping out" at barracks there. All is very wet and discouraging, as the weather is doing its worst for a few months. Only Chicagoans would dare to openly acknowledge the cold, rainy season that California has—and almost wish for the good cold sub-zero days of the Windy City.

It is with regret that the Alumnae Board accepted the resignation of Jessie Lawrie as Chairman of the Relief Committee, a position she has held so ably for so many years. Due to illness in her family and the need to conserve her own strength a bit, but contrary

to her own desires, she did resign in October. If we know Annie Lawrie, she'll find herself as busy as ever before long. We'll all miss you, Miss Lawrie. The Board will seem strange with a new face in your place. Thank you—from all of us—for the fine work you have done for the Alumnae!

Miss Mabel Madden resigned her position at the Children's Memorial Hospital and is with the hospital on the new Alcan Highway at White Horse, Yukon. This work is under Civil Service as civilian with the Army.

Miss May Draper, who has spent the summer at Bracebridge, Ontario, is now in Toronto for the winter.

Rena Murray visited Elsa Ahrenloff recently. Miss Murray was in Chicago for a Legion meeting.

#### State Nursing Council for War Service

65,521 student nurses were recruited in the 1943-1944 period, according to an announcement received from Mrs. Ada R. Crocker, Chairman of the State Nursing Council for War Service, Illinois State Nurses' Association. This was a total of 521 more students than the national quota set by the U. S. Public Health Service. Mrs. Crocker stated that the Public Health Service had congratulated the agencies and groups which had participated in the recruitment, because of the splendid showing.

60,000 has been set as the goal for the 1944-1945 fiscal year, and the importance of the program, not only to the war effort, but to the country's health, is stressed. The new quota, stated Mrs. Crocker, will require the united efforts of the Medical Profession, the Nursing Profession and all civic organizations.

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## DIRECT FROM THE FRONT

A letter from Frances P. Bolton, Committee on Foreign Affairs, who introduced the Bolton Act in Congress, covering Cadet Nurses, reads as follows:

"On my return from England and France, I found that the Army had made a nation-wide plea for 10,000 more nurses at once to care for our wounded . . . and only a few hundred responded. I cannot tell you what that did to me fresh from the front. I simply could not believe it. I could not accept the implications. I cannot refuse the challenge it gives me for I know how desperate is the need of the man who is wounded for the care only a nurse can give. I have seen it and I know.

I shall be as brief as possible, but what I have to tell you will not go on a single page, for I must try to bring the war home to you who are equipped and able to play your part in what is always women's responsibility: to give life, to save life, to bring mercy and healing, tenderness and courage to men. Somehow I must bring you the impact of war that you may go out to meet your great opportunity without hesitation.

Let me take you first to a hilltop within sound of the guns. Wind, rain, ambulances discharging their litters to be carried into the already crowded tents, doctors and nurses in combat uniforms, alert, efficient, smiling. The tented wards rather dim and quiet, though without sombreness, particularly of spirit. Men needing emergency care taken into the surgical tent where literally rows of operating tables are active. No confusion but great pressure on every hand. Surgeons and nurses taking their turns at scrubbing up while others work at the tables. Yes, watch with me while litter after litter is brought to the table and taken away to make room for more. Remember it is midnight and this has been going on without stop. But men's lives are at stake, young



men with all of life before them. Watch with me and let the picture sear itself into your mind and heart as it burned into mine.

After midnight, but let us go on rounds with the Chief Nurse: an immense tent with some ninety litters, a tiny little nurse with blonde curls working quietly to relieve discomfort and pain, her eyes quick to see need, her smile like sunshine. The Chief Nurse says to her, "I think I can give you relief soon, Lieutenant." "Please don't trouble, Captain, I have been on duty only 16 hours. I can go through the night perfectly well." She did!

Will you go farther with me to another ward where the men are swathed in bandages? Several beds are empty for the men are getting relief in saline tubs nearby. They came in, some of them, badly burned, some beyond recognition, but alive with the promise of a life still to live. Long nursing hours on these wards. Each tub treatment takes two hours at least. Hard nursing, yes, but there is the constant joy of seeing pain give way to relief, of watching flesh renew itself, of seeing despair replaced by hope and a sublime courage assert itself. Can there be greater joy than being part of such renewal in these hideous days of war's destruction, than to know one is trained and able to give the care they need so desperately to these men who have thrown themselves against the forces of darkness that threaten to engulf the world?

These men are being brought over

here to our Army and Navy hospitals where the staffs are greatly depleted. Increasing numbers are being transferred to the hospitals of the Veterans' Administration which have already been called upon to give care to 95,772 veterans of this war and whose nursing staffs have contributed many to the military services. More of you will, therefore, be needed in Veterans' Hospitals to take care of these young men now and through the years. If you are not eligible for active duty with the Army and Navy you may help care for this war's casualties when they are transferred to the Veterans' Hospitals. Your men need you.

To women has been given the greatest of all privileges, that of giving life. To nurses has been added that of rebuilding, of renewing the hearts, the minds, the souls blasted by man's inhumanity to man. Ten thousand nurses are needed by the Army and 4000 by the Navy. Will you be one of them?"

**Note:** Any nurse—not eligible for the Army or the Navy—or not wanting to go into Service may work as a civilian in Government hospitals. The acceptance age goes all the way up to 50, so inquire about this service and see if some of your time cannot be put to good use. For information about caring for disabled service men, apply to the Medical Director, Veterans' Administration, Washington 25, D. C. If you are not eligible, please pass this information on to some one else!

## Illinois State Nurses Convention for 1944

The 43rd Annual Convention of the Illinois State Nurses Convention and the 41st Annual Convention of the Illinois State League of Nursing Education was held jointly in Chicago November 9-11, 1944.

At each individual session important business matters were first transacted which later were followed by a very informal questionnaire. There was a large attendance at the Convention. The total registration were as follows:

422 members, 278 single admissions, 402 delegates, 99 students, and 8 guests—making a total of 1209 registered.

There were two meetings of the House of Delegates which were held Thursday and Friday morning. Three General session meetings were also held—each sponsored by one of the business sections. The topics discussed at the meetings stressed the post-war plans. The main object was to impress each member of her importance in keeping the home front safe for our returning service men and women. Mrs. Daily, R. N., presided at the business sessions. She is the President of the Illinois State Nurses' Association. Miss McConnell reported on the Illinois League Association, and stated that Lay membership had been voted upon. It has been felt in voting for Lay membership, there would be a better understanding and higher ideals in the nursing profession.

A report by the officers of the American Journal of Nursing stressed the fact that the Journal would eventually be reduced due to the paper shortage. Due to the situation it was requested that each member make the most of the magazine. It has been found to be a great text for the graduate nurse as well as the student nurse. Mrs. Crocker gave a very interesting report on the State Nursing Council. As it has been stated, Lay membership has been encouraged. It has been found to be a great help in procuring more student nurses. The present assignment has lacked 680

members to fill their quota.

There has been much done to discourage the practical nurse. A recommendation was made that the Committee on Legislation consider incorporating licensing of the Practical Nurse. It was also felt that an outline of methods of nursing be given to each practical nurse. The opinion is that there are as many practical nurses as registered nurses; the practical nurse being found mostly in homes and institutions for the old, etc. We of the 1st District have 294 institutions and 92 on private duty. Their salaries range from \$50 to \$150 in hospitals, while nurses doing private duty request from \$4 to \$7 for 8-hour duty nursing. This has caused a great deal of friction with the registered nurse as it has been found on investigation that few have had any degree of education, while some of those few have had a college education.

The 1st General Session was presided over by Marie Geisler, R. N., Chairman Private Duty Section. Dr. Griffith spoke on "The Adjustment Within the Family of the Returned Service Man." He pointed out that on the return of the ones we once knew there will be a great change and we will have to find their needs, wants, and personality by the use of the press, etc. A comparison of the returning veteran was made with that of a baby. He pointed out that a baby has a length of time to bring out its personality and in normal times these traits would remain with it, while the situation we face now is that the traits we once knew will be changed by the new experiences these men have had. They have been sent to strange countries and have had to face realities which we never could in reading. On returning, they will want to experiment with ways of living—causing a great many improvisations to be made. A normal place in society is most desired. Pity and questions are the last thing any of them wish.

A brief review of the book "Facts



of the Red Cross" was given by members of the Red Cross Organization. The Red Cross, as we all know, is to provide more equipment and supplies for our returning boys, both in military and naval fields. They not only are found with our boys overseas, but also play a great part here on the home front.

1st Lt. Theresa Archard, A.N.C., spoke on the field work of the nurses overseas.

Friday, November 10, business sessions of each section were held. As a delegate, private duty meetings were attended. There have been 3 meetings held this year. These meetings were held at Decatur, Rock Island and Buffalo. It has been found that private duty is on the decrease, less than 50% of calls have been filled. The hardest shifts to fill were the 3-11 and night shifts. The fees range from \$6 to \$7. One area is still charging \$5.50. Reports of each district were given.

Miss Theresa Tully, R.N., Omaha, Nebr., Chairman Private Duty Section American Nurses Association, gave a very interesting talk on the post-war situation of nurses. She stressed the point of having a set hour arrangement and a set salary. It is felt that we as individuals must carefully pay attention to our social appearance and to do this we must have a salary to care for our future. A recommendation was made that we have 8-hour duty on a state wide basis. It is thought this will provide time for social life and also maintain better health. At

the closing session several rules were voted upon.

Friday, November 10, the first general session was held, which was sponsored by the Ill. State League of Nursing Education and the Institutional Staff Nurses Section. Throughout the session stress was laid by the speakers that not only training and technic is necessary for nurses of today. It is felt that nurses of today must be able not only to care for the sick but also be able to think for the patient. Since we are going to have more and more people coming to the United States from foreign countries, the nurse will have a different public to work with. The great difference in each country's habits will make it necessary for her to understand people. She must be well versed, interpret necessities, prevent illness and have full conception of what constitutes a safe environment. All these factors are very important but, as Ella Van Horn, R.N., Member Nurse Examining Committee, Department of Registration and Education, Springfield, pointed out—we must first provide the means of education before requesting such. Some lay citizens still accept the services of the practical nurse—which we must undo in our training.

Saturday, November 11, at the closing business a session of the House of Delegates, revisions of some of the by-laws were thoroughly discussed and voted upon by the floor. The Convention was closed at 2:30 P. M., Saturday.

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For some people this Christmas season will be saddened by tears—rivers of blinding, scalding tears. You can't slap those people on the back and merrily cry "Merry Christmas". To those we offer sympathy and pray that the peace of Him whose birthday we celebrate on the 25th of December may sustain them through a period of deep sorrow, and that after the tears they will remember that shining promise of being reunited with loved ones through the promise of the living God who gave His Son to make the reunion sure.

If we could push ajar the gates of life  
And stand within and all God's work-  
ings see,

We could interpret all this doubt and  
strife

And for each mystery find the key.  
But NOT TODAY then be content  
poor heart,

God's plans like lillies pure and white  
unfold,

We must not tear the close shut leaves  
apart,

Time will reveal their calyxes of gold.  
And when after patient toil we reach  
the land

Where tired feet with sandals loosed  
may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand

I know that we shall say God's way  
was best.

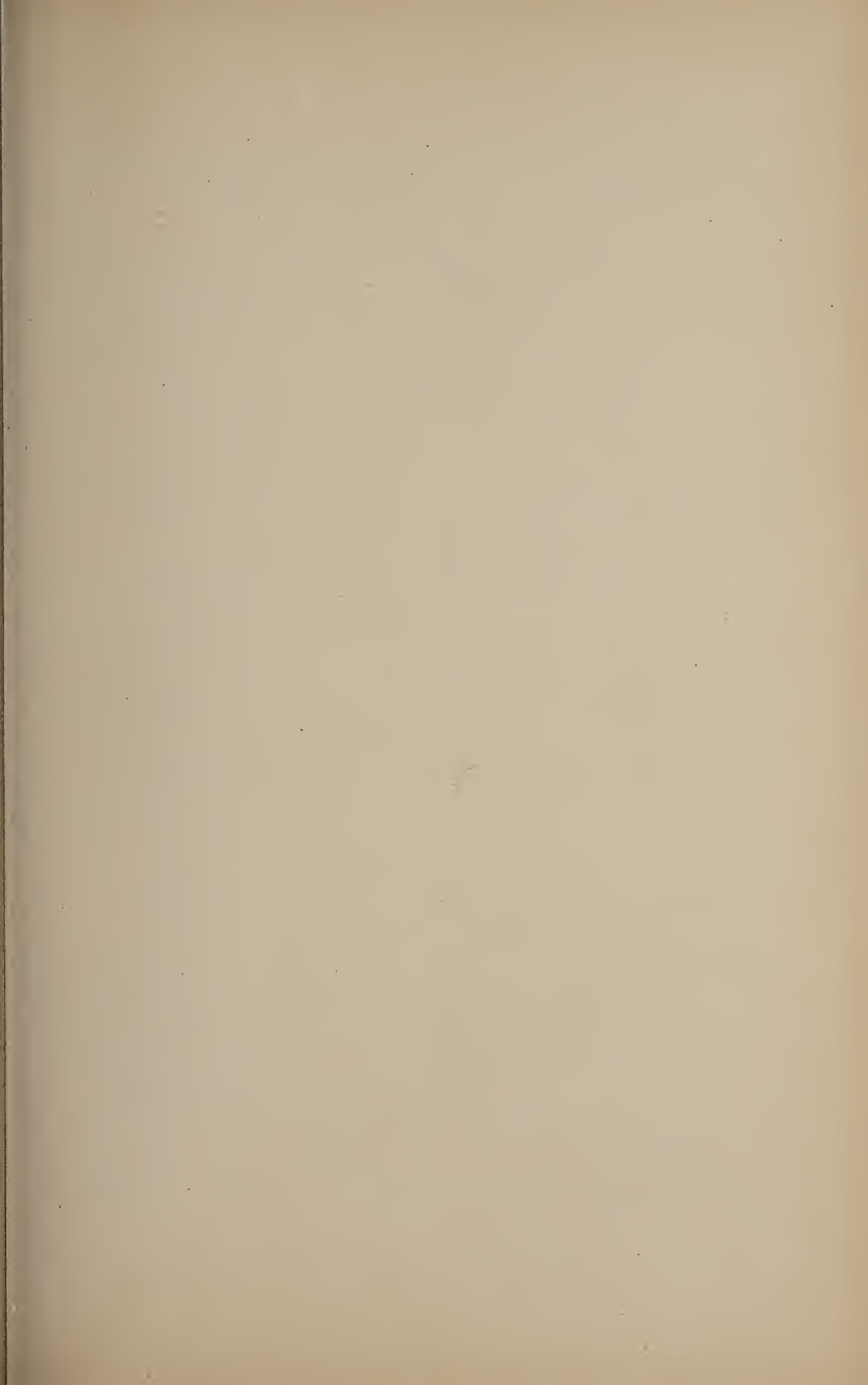
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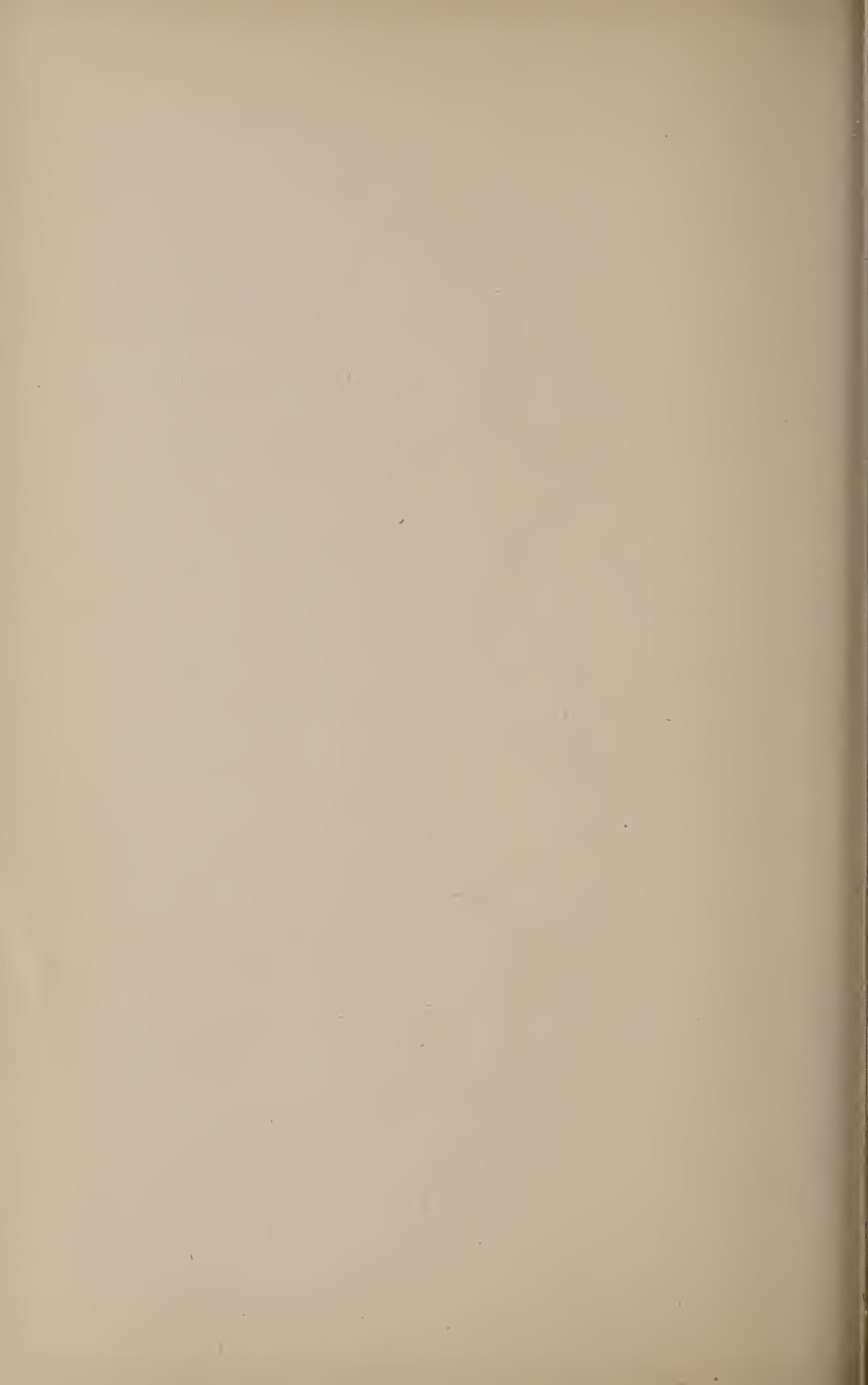
Rev. 21:4.

"If a mother is disquieted", wrote Robert Burton in the *Anatomy of Melancholy* in 1621, "or if by any casualty she is affrighted by some fearful object, she endangers her child. One Thomas Nickell went reeling and staggering all the days of his life because his mother, being great with child, saw a drunken man reeling in the street."

In his new book *Ourselves Unborn*, George Washington Corner, director of embryology at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, laughed off Burton's catalogue of prenatal horrors with one of his own: "As an honest man of science, I have to admit that I myself know of a remarkable case. A woman of my acquaintance had a craving to read *David Copperfield* while she was expecting and, upon my word, her child was full of the Dickens".









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